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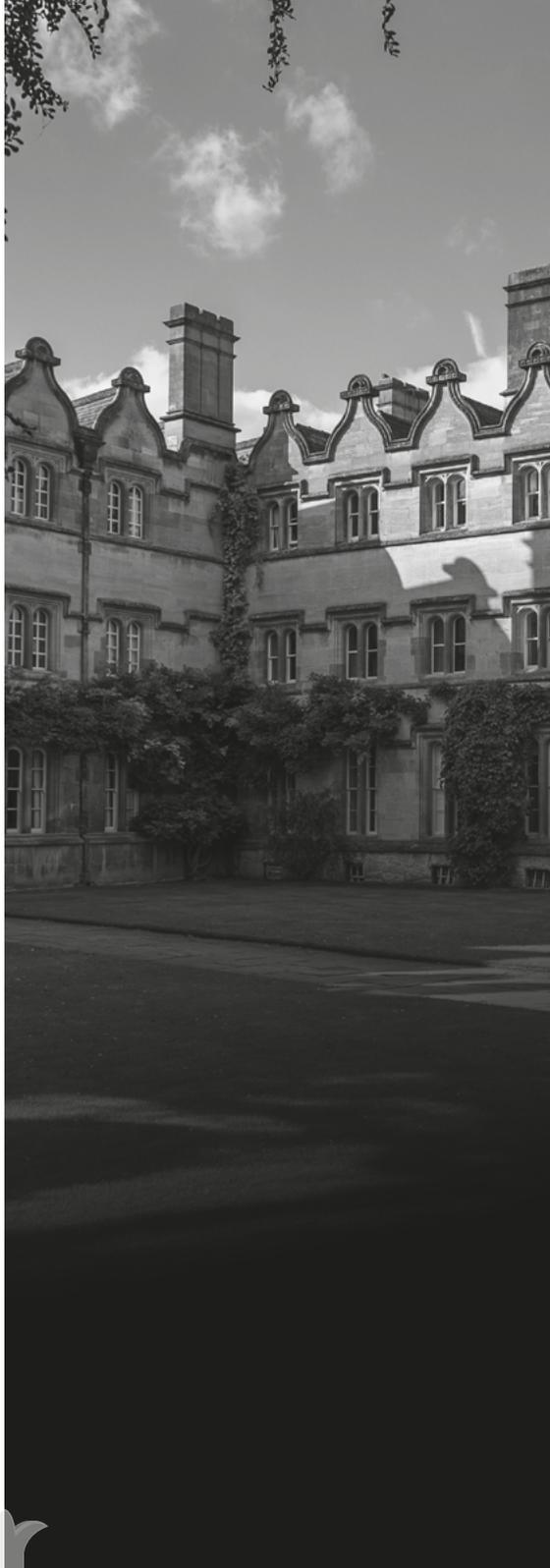
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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Inside this issue of the *University College Record*, you will find a factual account of the year – academic results, Fellows' news, College reports and news of departing Fellows and staff. Obituaries for members of the Univ community we have lost – or whose death we have been informed of – in the last twelve months are also included in this edition. I would like to thank the spouses, partners, families and friends who kindly supplied obituaries and photographs. I would also like to thank my colleague Manuela Williams, Executive PA to the Master, who compiled the obituaries for this edition of the *Record*. Where news did not reach us in time for this year's edition, we will ensure that those people are included in the 2025 *Record*.

I am grateful to all those who contributed to this issue, in particular: Dr Ian Boutle, Julie Boyle, Joanna Cooper, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, Isla Henderson and Eponine Wong.

If you have any comments about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# MASTER'S NOTES

A successful college like Univ does not get to celebrate a 775th anniversary without having managed and led its way through turbulence and controversy. In its 775 years, Univ has demonstrated certain important characteristics which has helped it through challenging times. We have been flexible and adaptable, we have embraced our history and heritage but not allowed ourselves to be constrained by it, we have embraced change and been innovative, forward-looking and creative. We have been resilient and, crucially, seized opportunities as they have arisen, and as we have grown, we have maintained our reputation for openness and friendliness whilst continuing to take our academic mission very seriously, striving to excel at everything we do.

I was reflecting on Univ's remarkable history at our recent 775 Festival in College. We welcomed alumni from Hong Kong, Singapore, the United States, Canada as well as countries in Europe. We had a fun-filled and rewarding day, with activities for children as well as exhibitions, music, tutorials, graduate presentations and other events for our Old Members, staff and friends, showcasing the College at its best. We ended the day with a son et lumière, reminding us of key parts of our history and the people who contributed to making Univ what it is today. No organisation has a history that spans centuries without having its ups and downs, and Univ has certainly had those: periods of financial insecurity, the famous land dispute that led us to claim Alfred the Great as our founder and expelling Shelley, who went on to become one



of the major English Romantic poets, to name but a few.

Univ has survived and thrived because of its people. The porters, scouts, College secretaries, chefs, front of house staff, gardeners and works staff, who have been invaluable in creating an environment which has enabled our students to settle in to College and make the most of their time with us. Our Faculty have been instrumental in nurturing talent and expanding horizons and have played a pivotal role in the growth and development of students. When I talk to alumni around the world, they always mention one or two tutors as being pivotal to their experience in College and their academic journey. Through the generations, we have recruited some of the best undergraduates and graduates in the world. Our researchers, tutors and professors have had considerable influence in their fields of study, gaining global recognition. We have worked hard to create and maintain an inclusive and supportive culture, and we have long had a commitment to opening up access to students from backgrounds underrepresented at Oxford. Towards the end of the sixteenth century, we began endowing undergraduate scholarships to help boys from poor backgrounds to attend the College. This tradition has continued with the Univ Opportunity Programme, which is now the University of Oxford's flagship Opportunity Oxford Programme, and more recently our Beacon programme.

As we look to the future, next year sees the opening of the Nursery, Woodstock Pavilion and Water Court Villas at Univ North, the expansion of our Staverton site which has been



made possible by the generous support of our foundation funders David Frederick and Sophia Lynn, and contributions from other alumni and friends of the College. We know that sustaining excellence requires vision, strong values, creativity and innovation. Staying at the forefront of global competition requires an element of courage and foresight, against a backdrop of a world which is evolving at such a rate that it is hard to keep up. We recognise that challenge and the importance of supporting the tutorial system, which is an essential element of Oxford's way of teaching, and which helps our students to achieve success.

In my notes last year, I spoke of the intensification of the conflict between Israel and Palestine and the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Gaza. That intensification has continued and spread across the region, with Lebanon and Iran now directly involved. The conflict between Ukraine and Russia is no longer at the top of the news bulletins but continues unabated, and we have seen the spiralling downwards of the situation in Sudan with people now dying

of hunger. These conflicts, and many more around the world, impact us as a college and as individuals. Our students and staff come from all over the world, with family and friends impacted by these conflicts, and it has taken a significant emotional toll on some. At Univ, we recognise the diversity of our community and have sought to support students and staff who are directly and indirectly affected by conflict. It has also been important to create a college environment in which students and staff can discuss and respectfully disagree on controversial and challenging issues. Diversity brings challenges, and this year those challenges have felt particularly present. As we look forward to the new academic year, I hope that our students will continue to recognise the value of our diversity and the benefit of learning from each other. That is part of the privilege of a University education.

BARONESS VALERIE AMOS  
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Master



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\*DR DAVID C FREDERICK, BA (Pitt), DPhil (Oxf), JD (Texas Law)

\*MR BRUNS GRAYSON, BA (Harvard), BA (Oxf), JD (Virginia)

\*MR PHILIP POWER, BA (Michigan), MA (Oxf), HonD (EMU)

\*MR TIMOTHY SANDERSON, BA (Oxf)

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\*MR EDWARD SCOTT, BA, MA (Michigan), BA (Oxf)

MR AND MRS PAVEL AND IVANA TYKAČ

\* Old Member

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## NEWLY ELECTED FELLOWS

### Visiting Fellows



**PROFESSOR ANITA L ALLEN** was appointed the HLA Hart-JH Mance Visiting Fellowship in Philosophy, Law and Politics for 2024. Professor Allen is the Henry R Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Allen delivered the 38th HLA Hart Memorial Lecture: “Unconditional Love, Some Implications for the Law” on 16 May in Univ Chapel.



**PROFESSOR JONATHAN SCHNEER** is the 2024 Overbrook Visiting Fellow. Professor Schneer taught modern British history at Georgia Tech, where he is emeritus. He is the author of nine books, most recently *Nine Days in May: The General Strike of 1926*, which Oxford University Press will publish to coincide with the centenary.



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## TUTORIAL FELLOWS



### DR AMRO AWAD

was appointed Weir Tutorial Fellow in Engineering Science. Dr Awad joins Univ from the ECE Department of NC State University where he was an associate professor. His

research interests include secure hardware architectures, memory systems, and system-level integration of emerging technologies.



### DR BEAU MADISON MOUNT

was appointed Sir Peter Strawson Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy. Dr Mount was previously a Lecturer in Logic at King's College London. Dr Mount's research covers a variety of issues in the philosophy of mathematics and logic, metaphysics and formal epistemology.

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## JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS



**DR CONNOR KEATING** joins Univ as Scott Family Junior Research Fellow in Autism from 1 October 2024. Dr Keating's PhD was supported by the Medical Research Council. His research interests include experimental psychology, emotion, social cognition, facial expressions and autism. Dr Keating is co-founder of the U21 Autism Research Network.

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## NON-TEACHING FELLOWS



**FELICE NASSAR** was appointed Fellow and Director of Development, Communications and Alumni Relations in September 2023. She joined Univ from St Anne's College, Oxford where she was Deputy Development Director.



# THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM 2023-2024

The academic year 2023–24 has seen a consolidation of many of the initiatives we put in place last year. Of particular importance this year has been the growth and development of the Early Career Research Group, co-ordinated for the SCR by Dr Lea Rees and Dr Yanan Zhang. With its own WhatsApp Group, the ECRG is providing a well needed support group for the college lecturers, research associates and JRFs, and regularly takes part in the wider SCR activities. At our Trinity SCR meeting it was agreed that one of the key roles for the SCR was to provide support and a welcoming home for this important group of academics. We must in particular acknowledge the tremendous support provided to the wider SCR by early career researcher Dr Zhang, who not only organises the ECRG, and the Social Science and Health lunches, but also provides invaluable administrative support to the SCR.

The Univ SCR Term Card, which records all the various termly events, and aims to introduce a rhythm to our activities, has been particularly welcomed and has highlighted the great range of College events and activities available to the Fellowship. Our special and themed Formal Halls have been enjoyed by both students and High Table, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Burns Night, LGBT+, International Women's Day and the Sports Dinner among others. The more relaxed after-dinner cheese and wine in the Winter Common Room, welcoming those wishing to take coffee or tea to join in the conversation, has proved popular. Our Wine Fellow, Professor Justin Benesch and Domestic Bursar, Angela Unsworth again hosted Wine and Cheese Tastings in the newly refurbished Cellar 6.



Our Subject Lunches continue to take place three times a Term – The Science Lunch in 2nd week, Humanities in 4th Week and Social Science, Policy and Health Lunch in 6th Week – bringing together researchers to learn more about colleagues' research, explore synergies

between research agendas, and share concerns. We are grateful to Nikolaos Kanellakis, Polly Jones, Joe Moshenska and Yanan Zhang for all their work in organising these successful lunch time gatherings.

We remain grateful to Univ Fellow, Professor Joe Moshenska who continues to arrange stimulating events via the Shakespeare Society, including this year a launch event for the new poetry collection, *Silver*, by Rowan Ricardo Phillips, the multi-award-winning poet, author, screenwriter, academic, and journalist; an evening with Armando Iannucci, the Scottish satirist, writer, director, producer, and performer; and a workshop by Jodie Kim *This Part is Silent* which considered the power of working in refusal, exploring the practice of unwillingness and withholding, where we were all invited to bring an object we were uncertain about whether to retain or dispose of.

Univ's Inaugural Poet Laureate, poet and cognitive scientist Pireeni Sundaralingam continued her inspiring programme of events. These included "Thinking outside the box" where Pireeni hosted a range of games and exercises to expand the brain, from theatre improvisation exercises to story-telling games, to movement practices and puzzles and "The mind's ear: musical imagination", a very lively, interactive workshop with renowned composer and creativity expert Bruce Adolph.



The Music Evenings, arranged by Giles Underwood, this year produced both choral and instrumental recitals, including a special celebration of music by women composers, and a spectacular Madrigal Evening, by the Marlet Voices, celebrating both professional and novice madrigal performers.

The SCR also took part in the International at Home Day and the Univ Summer Garden Party, held in the newly landscaped Fellows' Garden. Fellows also enjoyed the 2024 HLA Hart Memorial Lecture given by Professor Anita L Allen, Henry R Silverman Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania, on the subject "Unconditional Love: Some Implications for the Law" and the Annual Hilary Term Dinner to celebrate the Feast of St Cuthbert, honouring the academic achievement of persons associated with the College and special guests.



At the Domus Dinner we celebrated the career of Professor Bill Roscoe, who retired after 40 years at Univ – undergraduate to Professor – and who presented the SCR with a beautiful silver three-tier cake stand (see photo).

Particular congratulations also go to two of our Supernumerary Fellows: Professor Tamsin Mather, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences and Professor of Earth Sciences, and Professor Laura Herz, Supernumerary Fellow in Physics, who this year were elected Fellows of the Royal Society.

We also said goodbye to present and past SCR members who sadly died this academic year: Dr Patrick Baird, Emeritus Physics Fellow; Professor Nicholas Crafts, FBA, Univ's Economics Fellow in 1977–86; Dr Glenn Black, English Lecturer from 1971-8 and Dr Barbara Levick, Stipendiary Lecturer in Ancient History 1987–1998.

As usual the SCR has been strongly supported by colleagues in the Domestic Bursary, the Master's Office and the wider College community, which is much appreciated. We must pay particular thanks to Manuela Williams, who has been supporting the SCR while Louise Watson has been on maternity leave, and to welcome Louise back over the summer, and congratulate her on the birth of her son Elliott. Their support is invaluable to the SCR.

PROFESSOR SARAH HARPER CBE  
SCR President  
Supernumerary Fellow in Gerontology

# FELLOWS' NEWS

## THE MASTER

The Master chaired/participated in a number of events on current issues including:

- An "in conversation" with Armando Iannucci with the Univ Shakespeare Society
- A talk on Homelessness for the CEO sleepout at the Univ Sportsground
- Oxford University's Master's programme in Diplomatic Studies
- 775 online talk with Professor Tamsin Mather, "Icelandic volcanism: grounded flights, fissures and fires – past crises and the possible start of a new magmatic saga on the Reykjanes Peninsula"
- 775 online talk with Dr Natalya Benkhaled-Vince, "Turn on, tune in, don't drop out: 1960s students between protest and state-building"
- Lord Mandelson discussion and dinner for Univ PPE and HPol students on current political issues
- A Univ Film series "Decolonisation in Motion" held at the Weston Library
- A discussion of the Development White Paper at Nuffield with FCDO Minister Andrew Mitchell
- Speaker at the Links Global Black Women's Summit
- Panel member for Oxford Martin School discussion with Achim Steiner, "Human security versus National security: have we lost our capacity for collective action?"
- A University Roundtable on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Hosted a delegation of Nigerian dignitaries to Univ ahead of conversations focussed on tackling internal conflict in Northern Nigeria

- Participated in dinner and discussion on "The World in 2040" at Hertford College
- Hosted dinner for the Rothermere American Institute with the US Deputy Chief of Mission
- RUSI discussion and Q&A, "Global Impact: A Conversation with Baroness Amos"
- Dinner at the Divinity School for the ASEAN Secretary General

The Master met and hosted Old Members, Emeriti and friends of Univ at several events including:

- The Vice Chancellor's Circle
- The Milestone Anniversary lunch
- Milestone birthday lunches for David Bell, Gordon Screation and Sandy Nairne
- The annual St Cuthbert's Dinner
- The William of Durham Club Luncheon
- The Founders and Benefactors Evensong and Dinner
- Met Old Members and friends of Univ in Atlanta, Toronto, Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, Washington, Bristol, London and Edinburgh
- The 1997-2000 Gaudy
- Univ Garden Play
- Annual Old Member's Football Match
- Annual Univ vs Devas Club Football Match
- Summer Eights and the UCBC 1974 Golden Reunion Dinner
- The 37th H.L.A. Hart Memorial Lecture and Dinner
- Winter Drinks at the Oxford and Cambridge Club



During the year the Master did several interviews for national and international radio, television and broadcast media.

In her role as a Lady Companion of the order of the Garter, the Master attended the annual Garter Day service and ceremony at Windsor Castle.

The Master was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Guyana and is recognised in the Khalili gift of six Meiji period Cloisonné pieces to the Ashmolean Museum.

## THE FELLOWS

**PROFESSOR BILL ALLAN**, Dean, McConnell Laing Tutorial Fellow in Greek and Latin Language and Literature and Professor of Greek, published *Euripides: Bacchae* in the Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics series (Cambridge University Press, 2024). He also organised (and gave a lecture at) an international conference on ancient Greek utopias, held at Univ on 10 and 11 September 2024, whose proceedings will be published in due course. Professor Allan wrote an article for the *Times Literary Supplement* on the discovery and publication of a fragmentary papyrus containing substantial sections of two plays of Euripides – the most significant discovery of “new” tragedy in nearly sixty years.

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL BARNES**, Tutorial Fellow in Physics and Professor of Physics, contributed to “Phase-space entropy cascade and irreversibility of stochastic heating in nearly collisionless plasma turbulence” in *Physical Review*, June 2024 and “Electrostatic

microturbulence in W7-X: comparison of local gyrokinetic simulations with Doppler reflectometry measurements” published in *Nuclear Fusion*, June 2024.

**PROFESSOR JUSTIN BENESCH**, Tutorial Fellow in Physical Chemistry, published, “Rapid, DNA-induced interface swapping by DNA gyrase” on *eLife*, in June 2024; “Emergence of fractal geometries in the evolution of a metabolic enzyme” in *Nature*, April 2024; “Cryo-EM of soft-landed  $\beta$ -galactosidase: Gas-phase and native structures are remarkably similar” in *Science Advances*, in March 2024; “Regulation of inositol 5-phosphatase activity by the C2 domain of SHIP1 and SHIP2” in *Structure* in February 2024 and “From structural polymorphism to structural metamorphosis of the coat protein of flexuous filamentous potato virus Y” in *Communications Chemistry*, Vol. 7, Issue 1, in January 2024.

**DR NATALYA BENKHALED-VINCE**, Sanderson Tutorial Fellow in Modern History and Associate Professor of the History of Modern France and the Francophone World, was a guest on BBC Radio 4’s *In Our Time* talking about the Mokrani revolt and participated in the BBC World Service’s weekend programme. Dr Vince co-organised the “Africans and war in Vietnam” conference at the Rothermere American Institute, which Univ kindly co-sponsored, and a workshop at the Nantes Institute of Advanced Study on “Narratives of the Self: Women and Anti-Colonial Politics.”

**DR JAMES BRYSON**, Sollas Tutorial Fellow in Mineralogy and Associate Professor of Mineralogy, ran a session at the Goldschmidt 2024 conference on isotopes and magnetism in the early solar



system. Dr Bryson published "Extent of alteration, paleomagnetic history, and infrared spectral properties of the Tarda ungrouped carbonaceous chondrite" in *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*, 14 June 2024 and "A unified intensity of the magnetic field in the protoplanetary disk from the Winchcombe meteorite" in *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*, 2024. Dr Bryson was also awarded a Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) grant in collaboration with researchers at the University of Leeds for a project investigating "The first self-consistent dynamical simulations of asteroid dynamos.

**PROFESSOR RUTH CHANG**, Chair and Professor of Jurisprudence and Professorial Fellow, published *Conversations in Philosophy, Law and Politics*, edited with Amia Srinivasan, (Oxford University Press, 2024), she is also publishing *Legal Argumentation*, edited with Luis Duarte D'Almeida, Lilian Bermejo Luque, Euan MacDonald and Fabio Shecaira (Elgar Press, 2024). Professor Chang gave a lecture in the philosophy department and the Neukom Institute for Computational Science at Dartmouth College, USA, titled, "Does AI Design Rest on a Mistake?" in April 2024. Chang spoke about the alignment problem of artificial intelligence and discussed a possible framework for orienting machine behaviour more closely toward human values.

**DR ANEURIN ELLIS-EVANS**, George Cawkwell Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History and Associate Professor in Ancient History, co-published with Jonathan Kagan, "Bimetallism, coinage, and empire in Persian Anatolia" in *Phoenix* 76 (2024) 178-227"

**DR MARINA RUCSANDRA FILIP**, Tutorial Fellow in Physics and Associate Professor of Condensed Matter Physics, was awarded the Early Career Scientist Prize in Semiconductor Physics by the International Union for Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), and the Somorjai Visiting Miller Professorship at UC Berkeley. She co-authored an extended review article titled, "Halide perovskites from first principles: from fundamental optoelectronic properties to the impact of structural and chemical heterogeneity" in the *loP journal Electronic Structure*.

**DR ANDREW GREGORY**, Chaplain and Welfare Fellow, has written two chapters for Oxford Handbooks, and a chapter for a book on the Apostolic Fathers. He continues to work on a short introduction to Choral Evensong.

In September 2023, **PROFESSOR NICHOLAS HALMI**, Margaret Candfield Tutorial Fellow in English and Comparative Literature, was elected to the Zentrum für Klassikforschung, the research advisory board of the Weimar Klassik Stiftung, Germany's second-largest cultural institution. In April 2024, Professor Halmi was interviewed about his research by the Cambridge Centre for International Research for a YouTube podcast. "Généalogie du cliché", an article about the origin of the concept of literary cliché, was published in *Revue de littérature comparée*, 388, December 2023, 403-16.

**PROFESSOR CATHERINE HOLMES**, A D M Cox Old Members' Tutorial Fellow in Medieval History and Professor of Medieval History, continues to approach the medieval



world from a global perspective. In November, Professor Holmes gave the final lecture to “The Immersive Global Middle Ages”, a two-year project developed by Vanderbilt University and the University of Colorado. In June, Professor Holmes organised a workshop at Univ on “The Horn of Africa, East and South Africa and the Global Middle Ages”, together with Dr Alebachew Belay-Birru, an Africa Oxford (AfOx) Visiting Fellow from Debre Berhan University in Ethiopia. Professor Holmes’ undergraduate teaching now includes papers on “The Mongols” and “The Global Middle Ages”.

**PROFESSOR BEN JACKSON**, Leslie Mitchell Tutorial Fellow in History and Professor of Modern History, published, “A Hundred Years of Labour Governments” in *The Political Quarterly*, Vol. 95, Issue 2, 3 June 2024 and “Celtic Nationalisms and the Global Break-Up of Britain” in *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, Vol. 33 (CUP, December 2023). Professor Jackson highlighted the hugely influential historian, Professor Jose Harris, FBA (1941–2023), in a blog titled “Political Thought and the Welfare State: Jose Harris’s History of Social Policy” on the Centre for Intellectual History website (University of Oxford) on 1 November 2023.

**PROFESSOR PETER JEZZARD**, Vice Master, Professorial Fellow and Herbert Dunhill Professor of Neuroimaging, published the research article, “Simulation-based optimization and experimental comparison of intracranial T2-weighted DANTE-SPACE vessel wall imaging at 3T and 7T” in *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, June 2024 and “An extended phase graph-based framework for DANTE-SPACE simulations including physiological, temporal,

and spatial variations” in the same publication in March 2024.

**PROFESSOR POLLY JONES**, Schrecker-Barbour Tutorial Fellow in Slavonic and East European Studies and Professor of Russian, completed her new book *Gulag Fiction: Labour Camp Literature from Stalin to Putin*, which will come out with Bloomsbury in autumn 2024. She also starred in the film *L’Impossible Enterrement de Staline* (Les Films D’Ici/Arte TV) and became a trustee of Pushkin House, the UK’s oldest independent Russian cultural centre, now based in Bloomsbury, London.

**PROFESSOR SOPHOCLES MAVROEIDIS**, Tutorial Fellow in Economics and Professor of Macroeconomics, published “A ridge-regularized jackknifed Anderson-Rubin test” in the *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, Vol. 42, Issue 3 in January 2024 and “Coherence without rationality at the zero lower bound” in the *Journal of Economic Theory*, Vol. 214, in December 2023.

**PROFESSOR JOE MOSHENSKA**, Beaverbrook and Bouverie Tutorial Fellow in English and Acting Director of the Centre for Early Modern Studies, organised a number of Shakespeare Society events at Univ, including the launch of *Silver*, a new poetry collection by the highly acclaimed, multi-award-winning poet, author, screenwriter, academic, journalist and translator, Rowan Ricardo Phillips, on 26 April 2024; a creative-critical workshop with the writer Jodie Kim on 16 May 2024 and welcomed Univ alumnus Armando Iannucci CBE (1982, English), pre-eminent Scottish satirist, writer, director, producer and performer, on 17 October 2023.



Professor Moshenska also reviewed several books for *The Observer*.

**DR BEAU MADISON MOUNT**, Sir Peter Strawson Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy, published “The Metaphysics of Opacity” (co-written with Dr Catharine Diehl of Leiden University) in *Philosophers’ Imprint* in 2023 and presented research on mathematical epistemology at the Oxford University Philosophical Society and on the philosophical implications of choiceless large cardinal axioms at the Pisa Workshop on the Philosophy of Set Theory in 2024.

**PROFESSOR TOM POVEY**, Tutorial Fellow in Engineering and Professor of Engineering Science, published “Impact of Lean-Burn Combustor Flow on NGV Performance” in the *Journal of Turbomachinery*, June 2024; “High-accuracy experimental study of performance characteristics of optimised Ranque-Hilsch vortex tube” in *Applied Thermal Engineering*, 251 (7), May 2024; “Comparison of Eddy Viscosity Models for High Turbulence NGV Flows” in the *Journal of Turbomachinery*, January 2024 and in the same journal, “Aerodynamic and Thermal Field Development of Cooled Transonic HP NGV”, October 2023 and “Fundamentals of Scaling of Overall Cooling Effectiveness With Temperature Ratio”, 146 (1), 1-48, October 2023.

**DR PATRICK REBESCHINI**, Professor of Statistics and Machine Learning in the Department of Statistics, published research papers on *arXiv*, “Differentiable cost-parameterized Monge map estimators” on 12 June 2024; “Learning mirror maps in policy mirror descent” (with C. Alfano, S. Towers, S. Sapora, and C. Lu) on 7 February

2024; “Generalization bounds for label noise stochastic gradient descent” (with J. E. Huh), 1 November 2023, presented at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2024; and “Sample-efficiency in multi-batch reinforcement learning: The need for dimension-dependent adaptivity” (with E. Johnson and C. Pike-Burke), 2 October 2023, presented at the International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2024.

**PROFESSOR GAVIN SCREATON**, Professorial Fellow and Head of the Medical Sciences Division, published “Risk of SARS-CoV-2 reinfection during multiple Omicron variant waves in the UK general population.” In *Nature Communications*, 15, February 2024 and “Heterologous prime-boost immunization induces protection against dengue virus infection in cynomolgus macaques” in the *Journal of Virology*, Vol. 97, No. 11, October 2023.

**PROFESSOR TREVOR SHARP**, Radcliffe Medical Fellow and Tutorial Fellow in Neuroscience, has been active in the field of serotonin research. This academic year, he has published a number of research articles on the neurotransmitter serotonin, including one in the journal *Neuropsychopharmacology* on a newly discovered mechanism of SSRI withdrawal. Together with two colleagues in the Department of Psychiatry, he co-edited and co-authored the book *Emerging Neurobiology of Antidepressant Treatments* (Springer). He gave a keynote lecture on the pharmacological and physiological properties of serotonin neurons at the 35th World Congress of Neuropsychopharmacology in Tokyo. Aside from his interests in serotonin, he was appointed to the neuroscience board of the



Research Council of Finland and also completed Engelbrektsloppet, Sweden's second largest long-distance cross-country ski race.

**PROFESSOR ADAM SMITH**, Professorial Fellow, Edward Orsborn Professor of US Politics and Political History, and the Director of the Rothermere American Institute, wrote several analysis articles for *The Sunday Times*, including, "Donald Trump shouldn't be surprised – US law has always been political", on 1 June 2024; "Another year of meteors", 31 December 2023 and "Is it the end, again?" on 23 December 2023. Professor Smith presents a biweekly podcast, "The Last Best Hope?" with recent topics including "Rigged! Anxiety about election integrity in America" and "Presidents and the Press."

**PROFESSOR MARTIN D SMITH**, Helen Martin Old Members' Fellow in Organic Chemistry, Professor of Organic Chemistry and Director, EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Synthesis for Biology and Medicine, published (with Bailey EP and Donohoe TJ), "Functional group tolerant hydrogen borrowing C-alkylation" in *Nature Communications*, June 2024 and "Harnessing triaryloxonium ions for aryne generation" in *Nature Synthesis*, Vol. 3, Issue 1, October 2023.

**DR SOPHIE SMITH**, Tutorial Fellow in Political Theory, published the lead essay, "A Comet that Bodes Mischief" in the *London Review of Books*, Vol. 46, No. 8, 25 April 2024. Dr Smith was interviewed for the Department of Politics and International Relations website on 17 May 2024. Dr Smith published, "Women and Intellectual History in the Twentieth Century, Part One: Rethinking the 'Origins' of US Intellectual

History" in the *Journal of the History of Ideas* in July 2024. "Women and Intellectual History in the Twentieth Century, Part Two: Activists, Academics and the Future", is forthcoming in the same journal in October 2024. Dr Smith published, "Poetry, myth and storytelling in the history of political theory" in the *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* in October 2023.

**PROFESSOR TIAN YUAN TAN 陳毓沅**, Professorial Fellow and Shaw Professor of Chinese, collaborated with the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in organising the "Digital Humanities and Literary Transmissions in Pre-modern East Asia" workshop in Hanoi on 26 September. He was interviewed by the *Comparative Literature & World Literature* journal (Vol.8.1,2023) and delivered the keynote lecture at the 4th International Conference on Early Modern Visuality and Cultural Change at Chung-cheng University (Taiwan) on 26 April. Celebrating 420 years of Chinese Books at the Bodleian Libraries, he co-organised the "Building and Researching Chinese Libraries: Preservation, Digitisation, and Dissemination" Conference held at the Weston Library on 6-7 June.

**PROFESSOR EDMAN TSANG**, Tutorial Fellow in Inorganic Chemistry and Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, has contributed to eight papers over the last academic year, including, "Structural insight into palladium-nickel clusters over mordenite zeolite for carbene-insertion reaction" in *Frontiers of Chemical Science and Engineering*, June 2024, and "Stabilization of Ni-containing Keggin-type polyoxometalates with variable oxidation states as novel catalysts for electrochemical water oxidation" in *Chemical Science*, May 2024.

**PROFESSOR CAROLINE TERQUEM**, Tutorial Fellow in Physics, has become Chair of the Joint Supervisory Committee of the Master in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, since October 2023. Professor Terquem published, "On the energetics of a tidally oscillating convective flow" in *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, Vol. 525, Issue 1, October 2023.

**\*PROFESSOR NICK YEUNG**, Sir Jules Thorn Tutorial Fellow in Psychology and Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, was awarded a grant by the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research to investigate "Mechanisms of rapid trust formation". His lab continues to research how people make decisions individually and in groups' and published papers including "Bayesian confidence in Optimal Decisions" in *Psychological Review* and "Confidence regulates feedback processing during human probabilistic learning" in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*.

## **SUPERNUMERARY FELLOWS**

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL BENEDIKT**, Supernumerary Fellow in Computer Science and Professor of Computer Science (ULNTEF), published five papers over the last academic year. Along with Egor V. Kostyleva and Tony Tan, Professor Benedikt's highlights include, "Two Variable Logic with Ultimately Periodic Counting" in *SIAM Journal on Computing*, Vol. 53, Issue 4, June 2024 and "Decidability of Graph Neural Networks via Logical Characterizations", presented at the 51st International Colloquium on Automata Languages and Programming (ICALP 2024), Tallinn, Estonia, 8–13 July 2024.

**\*PROFESSOR JON BLUNDY**, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences, Professor of Earth Sciences and Royal Society Research Professor, published several journal articles, including, "Generation of mantle-derived basaltic andesites in volcanic arcs" in *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, Vol. 641, 4 June 2024; "Early arc crust formation preserved in the Grenadines archipelago, southern Lesser Antilles arc" in *Royal Society Open Science*, Vol. 11, 29 May 2024; "Plagioclase-Saturated Melt Hydrothermobarometry and Plagioclase-Melt Equilibria Using Machine Learning" in *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems*, Vol. 25, Issue 4, 20 April 2024 and "A machine learning-based thermobarometer for magmatic liquids" in the *Journal of Petrology*, Vol. 65, Issue 4, (OUP, March 2024).

**DR RAJENDRA CHITNIS**, Ivana and Pavel Tykač Fellow in Czech, wrote the introduction to a new collection of *Czech Folktales*, as part of the series *The World's Greatest Myths and Legends* (Flame Tree 451, February 2024).

**PROFESSOR TAO DONG**, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, Professor of Immunology and founding director of the CAMS-Oxford Institute based at the Nuffield Department of Medicine & MRC Human Immunology Unit, Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, contributed to several papers, including ; "Long COVID and cardiovascular disease: a prospective cohort study" in *Open Heart*, May 2024; "Transient synaptic CD61 pairing with CD103 increases the cytotoxicity of antigen-specific T cells" in *Nature Immunology*, April 2024; "Unconventional human CD61 pairing with CD103 promotes TCR signaling and antigen-specific T cell cytotoxicity" in *Nature*



*Immunology*, April 2024 and "Vaccine-induced CD8+ T cells are key to protection from SARS-CoV-2" in the same journal, October 2023.

**PROFESSOR SARAH HARPER CBE,**

Supernumerary Fellow and SCR President, Clore Professor of Gerontology and Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, has been appointed the next Chair of the international NGO HelpAge International. Her academic research output included eight journal papers and was featured in a variety of media outlets including national press and TV. Professor Harper gave various national and international lectures over the year and presented her research to various government departments and policy units, including the Treasury, DHSC and Number 10 Policy Unit.

**PROFESSOR LAURA HERZ FRS,** Supernumerary

Fellow in Physics, was elected a fellow of the Royal Society, and a fellow of the Materials Research Society. Professor Herz was also awarded a five-year EPSRC Open Fellowship and appointed to the EPSRC Strategic Advisory Team on Energy and Decarbonisation. Professor Herz published several articles, including, "In situ nanoscopy of single-grain nanomorphology and ultrafast carrier dynamics in metal halide perovskites" in *Nature Photonics*, July 2024 and "Trace Water in Lead Iodide Affecting Perovskite Crystal Nucleation Limits the Performance of Perovskite Solar Cells" in *Advanced Materials*, April 2024.

**DR INE JACOBS,** Supernumerary Fellow in

Byzantine Archaeology, has an upcoming article, "Late fifth-century CE wall mosaics from the Tetrapylon Street in Aphrodisias. Evidence for a wall mosaic habit in late antiquity" to be published in the *American Journal of Archaeology* in

October 2024. Dr Jacobs contributed a chapter, "Statuary, the secular and religious powers in Late Antiquity" to *Being Pagan, Being Christian in Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages*, (HUP, December 2023) and "Small, versatile, numinous: pagan-mythological statuettes at the end of antiquity" to *Magnification and Miniaturization in Religious Communication in Antiquity and Modernity: Materialities and Meanings* (Brepols, November 2023).

**DR EMILY JONES,** Supernumerary Fellow

in Public Policy, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Global Economic Governance Programme at the Blavatnik School of Government, joined a panel discussion, "UK's Development Strategy and the New Economic and Geopolitical Challenges" at the Oxford Martin School in March 2024, alongside the then Minister for Development and Africa, The Rt Hon. Andrew Mitchell MP, Professor Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, Professor of International Politics of Africa at Oxford and Professor Stefan Dercon, Professor of Economic Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government.

**DR CHRIS MACMINN,** Supernumerary Fellow in

Engineering Science, presented "A Mushy Model of Gas Bubble Nucleation and Transport in Sea Ice", at the EGU General Assembly 2024, Vienna, Austria, 14–19 April 2024; Dr Macminn published (with Luke Kearney, Richard Katz, Chris Kirkham and Joe Cartwright), "Episodic fluid venting from sedimentary basins fueled by pressurized mudstones" in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* journal in February 2024. In addition to this Dr MacMinn submitted, "Solute transport due to periodic loading in a soft porous material" with Matilde Fiori and Satyajit Pramanik to *Fluid Dynamics*, in February 2024.



**PROFESSOR PETER MAGILL**, Supernumerary Fellow in Neurobiology, is also a Professor of Neurobiology, an MRC Investigator, Director of the MRC Brain Network Dynamics Unit (MRC BNDU) at Oxford and founding Investigator at the Oxford Parkinson's Disease Centre (OPDC). Professor Magill gave a summary of a 15-year collective research vision to the MRC BND Unit's Patient and Public Advisory Group in July 2024. The Unit was awarded LEAF (Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework) accreditations for sustainable research in June 2024.

**PROFESSOR TAMSIN MATHER FRs,**

Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences, appeared in the BBC Earth series in July and the PBS Nova Ancient Earth series in October. In November she co-wrote a blogpost for The Conversation "Iceland on high alert for volcanic eruption – what we know so far" and appeared on BBC news bulletins and news website in January and February 2024, again discussing the ongoing Icelandic volcanic unrest. Her first trade book *Adventures in Volcanoland* was published in the UK in April by Abacus and in the USA in June by Hanover Square Press. It was reviewed in the *Guardian*, the *Spectator*, *Nature* and the *New York Times* amongst others. In April she participated in the Oxford Sparks podcast "How are volcanoes formed on other planets?" and in June the Something You Should Know podcast "How Your Refrigerator Changed Your Life and Why Are There Volcanoes?". She is collaborating with Jon Blundy amongst others on the Oxford Martin School Programme on Rethinking Natural Resources and participated in a field campaign to the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean in March 2024. In May she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, the UK's national academy of sciences.

**PROFESSOR PETER J MCHUGH,**

Supernumerary Fellow in Biochemistry, Professor of Molecular Oncology and Deputy Director of Molecular Oncology, MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, contributed to three articles in the last academic year, including "SNMIA is crucial for efficient repair of complex DNA breaks in human cells" in *Nature Communications*, June 2024. Professor McHugh also collaborated on "Cell-active small molecule inhibitors validate the SNMIA DNA repair nuclease as a cancer target" in *Chemical Science*, April 2024.

**PROFESSOR PETER NORREYS FInstP,**

Supernumerary Fellow in Physics, Dean of Degrees and Professor of Inertial Fusion Science, published "Fundamental physics opportunities with multi-petawatt- and multi-megajoule-class facilities" in *High Energy Density Physics*, July 2024. Professor Norreys also contributed to "CoordGate: Efficiently Computing Spatially-Varying Convolutions in Convolutional Neural Networks" (with Sunny Howard, and Andreas Döpp), January 2024, and "Attosecond and nano-Coulomb electron bunches via the Zero Vector Potential mechanism" in *Scientific Reports*, May 2024. He also collaborated on "Energy gain of wetted-foam implosions with auxiliary heating for inertial fusion studies" in *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion*, December 2023.

**PROFESSOR BARRY V L POTTER FMedSci,**

Supernumerary Fellow in Pharmacology, continued his worldwide inter- and multi-disciplinary collaborations and published several journal articles reporting work with research groups in China (Tianjin and Shanghai), USA, Germany, UAE, Egypt, Brazil, Spain and the UK.



One of these, published in *Cardiovascular Research* in January 2024, reported an approach to protect against myocardial ischaemia-reperfusion injury, suggesting a potential new drug target for treating heart diseases. A particular highlight with a group in Madrid, and published in *Nature Communications* in February 2024, demonstrated a chemical biology approach to interrogate a human kinase enzyme acting on a fundamental and ubiquitous cellular messenger molecule. Using his designed synthetic tools in concert with structural biology revealed, at the atomic level, unexpected enzyme plasticity and substrate tolerance.

**\*PROFESSOR NAJIB RAHMAN,**

Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, was elected as Lead for the European Thoracic Society Oncology Assembly from September 2024 for three years. Professor Rahman has also been appointed as National Lead for Respiratory Research at the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Research Delivery Network (RDN). His group has been awarded £2.8million as a grant to investigate the most efficacious treatment for patients with infected fluid in the chest cavity (pleural infection), to conduct the world's largest randomised treatment trial in this area. Professor Rahman is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at Oxford, Director of the Oxford Respiratory Trials Unit at the Nuffield Department of Medicine, Consultant Respiratory and Pleural Physician at the Oxford Centre for Respiratory Medicine and Tutor in Clinical Medicine at Univ.

**PROFESSOR ROSALIND RICKABY FRS,** Professorial Fellow, and Chair and Professor of Geology, was appointed to the Academic Council of the Schmidt Science Fellows in June 2024.

**PROFESSOR MAREN SCHENTULEIT,** Lady Wallis Budge Fellow and Associate Professor of Egyptology and Coptic Studies, presented a paper titled "Demotic Henu-Agreements and the Temple Economy in Dime (Egypt)" at the International Temple Workshop held in Copenhagen in May 2023. In August/September 2023, she conducted the ERC workshop "Prophetic-Apocalyptic Literature from Late Period Egypt" at Univ. She co-authored the text editions of two demotic temple accounts on the online platform DimeData and published "Demotica Selecta 2022" in *Archiv für Papyrusforschung*, 69 (2023). Additionally, she delivered the welcome note at the 8th International Fayum Symposium at the University of Salerno in May 2024. During her research sabbatical in Michaelmas Term 2023 and Hilary Term 2024, she conducted research on female and cross-gender names in ancient Egypt and prepared a publication on the economy and administration of the Soknopaios temple during the Roman period. She was appointed Director of the Griffith Institute for the academic year 2024/25.

**PROFESSOR NICOLA SIBSON,**

Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine and Professor of Imaging Neuroscience, published "In vivo PET detection of lung micrometastasis in mice by targeting endothelial VCAM-1 using a dual-contrast PET/MRI probe" in the *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, June 2024, and "Targeted opening of the blood-brain barrier using VCAM-1 functionalised microbubbles and whole brain ultrasound" in *Theranostics*, June 2024, and also contributed to the articles "The BigMac dataset: an open resource combining multi-contrast MRI and microscopy in the macaque brain", *Nature*



*Communications*, July 2023, and “Inflammatory bowel disease induces pathological  $\alpha$ -synuclein aggregation in the human gut and brain” *Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology*, February 2023,.

**DR LAURA STEVENS**, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences and Associate Professor of Climate and Earth Surface Processes (ULNTF), published “Observed meltwater-induced flexure and fracture at a doline on George VI Ice Shelf, Antarctica” with Banwell A, Willis I, Dell R and MacAyeal D, in the *Journal of Glaciology*, May 2024. In addition, Dr Stevens presented, “Supraglacial lake drainage: from process puzzle to subglacial diagnostic” at the EGU General Assembly, March 2024. She also published (with Hanwen Zhang and Richard Katz) “Viscoelastic mechanics of tidally induced lake drainage in the Amery grounding zone” on *arXiv* in November 2023.

**DR NICK TALBOT**, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine and Lecturer in Medicine, published “Hypoxic pulmonary vasoconstriction does not limit maximal exercise capacity in healthy volunteers breathing 12% oxygen at sea level” in *Physiological Reports*, February 2024. Dr Talbot also contributed to “Computed Cardiopulmonography for the Detection of Early Smoking-Related Changes in the Lungs of Young Individuals Who Smoke” in *Chest*, May 2024.

**PROFESSOR PEIJUN ZHANG**, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, collaborated on “Structural basis for activity switching in polymerases determining the fate of let-7 pre-miRNAs” in *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology*, July 2024, and on “Cryo-tomography and 3D Electron

Diffraction Reveal the Polar Habit and Chiral Structure of the Malaria Pigment Crystal Hemozoin” in *ACS Central Science*, July 2024. She also published a review paper on “TRIM5 $\alpha$ : A Protean Architect of Viral Recognition and Innate Immunity” in *Viruses*, June 2024, and co-edited a special issue of “Current Opinion in Structural Biology: Cryo-electron microscopy” with Alexis Rohou, February 2024.

## SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

**PROFESSOR GIDEON HENDERSON FRS**, Senior Research Fellow in Earth Sciences, continued to serve as the Chief Scientific Advisor for the UK Government’s Department of Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra). Professor Henderson was photographed recently for the Comer Family Foundation website, as part of a series of profiles on “Changelings”; a group of scientists whose mission is to pool their collective vision and their interdisciplinary resources to help answer the most challenging questions about abrupt climate change. Professor Ros Rickaby was also profiled on the same site.

**PROFESSOR NGAIRE WOODS CBE**, Senior Research Fellow and founding Dean of the Blavatnik School of Government, published a number of articles on *Project Syndicate*, including, “Why Young Europeans Are Embracing the Far Right”, June 2024, “The IMF Chose the Right Leader the Wrong Way”, April 2024, “An Antidote to the Polarization Poison”, February 2024, “Saving Representative Democracy from Online Trolls”, December 2023, and “Cooperation or Crisis”, October 2023.



## STIPENDIARY LECTURERS

\***MX ALEX BENN**, Stipendiary Lecturer in Law, appeared in the first reported judgment in the history of England and Wales to refer to counsel by the gender-open mode of address, “Mx” (*R (Molina) v Snaresbrook Crown Court [2024] WLR 183*). Mx Benn continued to write comments on recent legal cases for *The Criminal Law Review* and *The Journal of Criminal Law*. They wrote about the case between South Africa and Israel for *The Oxford Human Rights Hub* and about classism at the bar for *Counsel Magazine*.

**DR NIKOLAOS I KANELLAKIS**, Lecturer in Medicine, continued his translational research on pleural disease, the main aim of which is to elucidate and understand mechanisms of pleural disease pathogenesis. For this he closely collaborates with Univ Fellows Professor Tao Dong and Professor Najib Rahman. Dr Kanellakis was awarded a Cancer Research UK Development Fund to investigate the immunosuppressive effect of pleural fluid in cancer. He passed the accreditation and became a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Dr Kanellakis has also been racing with Oxford University Athletics Club for another year representing the University at the London Marathon and continued to support University College Boat Club as Treasurer.

**DR FRANZ LANG**, Stipendiary Lecturer in Physics, published “Magnetostriction-Driven Muon Localization in an Antiferromagnetic Oxide” in *Physical Review Letters*, January 2024.

## THE REVD DR MATTHEW CHEUNG

**SALISBURY**, Lecturer in Music, was awarded The King’s Coronation Medal in recognition of his involvement in the planning of last year’s Coronation. As National Liturgical Adviser to the Church of England, Matthew was involved in the revision of the Coronation rite itself as well as the ways in which the wider Church of England marked the Coronation.

**DR LAURA VARNAM**, Lecturer in Old and Middle English Literature, was one of the three winners of the Nine Arches Press Primers competition for her Grendel’s Mother poems which will be published in August 2024 in *Primers Volume Seven*. She appeared on BBC Radio 4’s Open Book on Daphne du Maurier and twice on the podcast *Backlisted* (on MR James and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*). She was invited to give readings from her *Beowulf* poetry and run creative writing workshops at the universities of Bonn, Germany, and Bern, Switzerland. She had an article published in *Medieval Feminist Forum* on Margery Kempe.

## NON-STIPENDIARY LECTURERS

\***DR ROBERT CONWAY**, Non-Stipendiary Lecturer in Medicine, recently received an Early Career Teaching Excellence Award from the Medical Sciences Division at Oxford. At Univ, Robert teaches the clinical medical students in the team of Professor Najib Rahman, Supernumerary Fellow. He is also currently an Emergency Medicine doctor based in the Thames Valley Deanery and is the Joan and Richard Doll Fellow at Green Templeton College.



## EMERITUS FELLOWS

**DR STEPHEN GOLDING**, Emeritus Fellow, published reviews of opera productions in *Opera magazine* recently.

**PROFESSOR ROBIN NICHOLAS**, Emeritus Fellow, published “Polaronic Mass Enhancement and Polaronic Excitons in Metal Halide Perovskites” in *ACS Energy Letters*, May 2024; “Emissive brightening in molecular graphene nanoribbons by twilight states” in *Nature Communications Springer Nature*, April 2024 and “Direct observation of phase transitions between delta- and alpha-phase FAPb<sub>3</sub> via defocused Raman spectroscopy” in *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*.

**PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER PELLING**, Emeritus Fellow, published five papers on Herodotus, Thucydides, and Plutarch, including two chapters in the *Cambridge Companion to Plutarch* (ed. F. Titchener and A. Zadorojnyi): “Friendship in Herodotus”, in A. Efstathiou, J. Filonik, C. Kremmydas, and E. Volonaki (eds.), *Friendship in Ancient Greek Thought and Literature: Essays in Honour of Chris Carey and Michael Edwards* (Leiden and Boston, 2023), 155–76; “Dover on Thucydides”, in S. Halliwell and C. Stray (eds.), *Kenneth Dover: Scholarship and Controversy* (London, 2023), 113–30 and “A doubles match: Agis–Cleomenes and the Gracchi”, in P. Davies and J. Mossman (eds.), *Sparta in Plutarch’s Lives* (Swansea, 2023), 113–38.

**PROFESSOR MARK SMITH**, Emeritus Fellow, is to lead a tour for Cambridge Alumni in October 2024 titled, “Eternal Egypt Uncovered”: a journey through ancient Egypt beginning with the pyramids at Giza, the Step Pyramid at Sakkara and the new Grand Egyptian Museum, as well as lesser-known pyramids at Dahshur, Meidum and Hewara.

## JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

**DR JACK ANDREWS**, Stevenson Junior Research Fellow in Medical Sciences (Psychology), published a paper, Andrews, J. L., Astle, D. E., Jones, J. S., & Blakemore, S. J. (2024). “Mapping the role of sexuality in adolescent mental health and substance use.” *Royal Society Open Science*, 11(6), 230955. Dr Andrews was invited by the Royal Society to attend the 2024 Frontier in Science Meeting in Johannesburg to foster collaboration with science being conducted in South Africa, and Africa more broadly.

**DR ALEXANDRA HENDRY**, Scott Family Junior Research Fellow in Autism, published “Variation in problem-solving success amongst children with and without a family history of ADHD” in March 2024 as well as collaborating on articles “The Neural Correlates of Response Inhibition across the Transition from Infancy to Toddlerhood: An fNIRS study” June 2024, “Feasibility and acceptability of a parent-toddler programme to support the development of executive functions in children at elevated likelihood of autism or ADHD : Pilot findings” May 2024 and “Rates of family history of autism and ADHD varies with recruitment approach and socio-economic status” November 2023.



**DR LEA REES**, Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellow in Egyptology, has submitted her PhD thesis for publication with the series *Sonderschriften des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts Kairo*. In the past year, she has conducted fieldwork at the archaeological site of Dahshur and in the tomb of Ramesses III in the Valley of the Kings (KV 11) in Egypt and has presented her research in the Archaeology Seminar Series in Warsaw and Reading, and in a workshop at Harris Manchester College Oxford. This summer, she co-organised the Summer School on Ancient Egyptian and Sudanese Art in Oxford.

**DR LYN KOUADIO**, Beacon Junior Research Fellow in Race and Postcolonial Studies, contributed the chapter "The Ivorian 2011–2013 Truth Commission as a Practice of Securitising Truth" to the edited volume *Documentation from Truth and Reconciliation Commissions* (Routledge), published the opinion piece "The Affective politics of AFCON" in *Africa is a Country*, and presented a forthcoming publication in the *Contemporary Journal of African Studies* at the International Studies Association annual conference, in San Francisco in April 2024. She presented her work at writing workshops in Accra (Ghana), Kampala (Uganda), and Yaoundé (Cameroon) and conferences at Université d'Abomey-Calavi (Benin) and Université de Nice (France).

## HONORARY FELLOWS

**PROFESSOR JOHN FINNIS CBE AC FBA KC (Hon)** (1962, Law), Honorary and Emeritus Fellow, published "Redating *Barnabas*" in the *Journal of Theological Studies* for April 2024 (vol. 75 pp. 80-121).

**SANDY NAIRNE CBE FSA** (1971, History), Honorary Fellow, was announced as successor to Lord Smith of Finsbury as Chair of the Art Fund, the UK national charity for art, from October 2024.

**PROFESSOR SIR SIMON WESSELY FMedSci** (1977, Medicine), Honorary Fellow and Regius Chair of Psychiatry, King's College London, was appointed last year as a Non-Executive Director (NED) of NHS-England, where they are responsible for a budget of around £170 billion. Professor Wessely said, "Sounds marvellous, except that we are broke, or indeed broken as our new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care told us when he took over. It's a whole new world of pain, but also excitement, interest and challenge. At least it's not dull."

## NON-STIPENDIARY LECTURERS

**DR ROB HALLIFAX**, Junior College Lecturer in Respiratory Medicine, contributed to "Joint ERS/EACTS/ESTS clinical practice guidelines on adults with spontaneous pneumothorax" in the *European Respiratory Journal*, May 2024. He also published "Cost Utility Analysis of Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax Management: Another Reason to Choose Outpatient Options?" in October 2023.

## RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

**DR ALEXANDRE JOHNSTON**, Research Associate in Classics, published an article "Helen's Agency and the Gods in Homer and Euripides" in *METra 2 Epica e tragedia greca: una mappatura*, December 2023.



**DR MAXIMILIAN KIENER**, Research Associate in PPE and Leverhulme Early Career Fellow in Philosophy, was appointed as a Tenure-Track Professor of Philosophy and Ethics in Technology at Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH) and leads the newly established Institute of Ethics in Technology at TUHH.

**DR YIYANG (BRUCE) LI**, Research Associate in Chemistry, published a paper, "Electrolyte-assisted polarization leading to enhanced charge separation and solar-to-hydrogen conversion efficiency of seawater splitting", in *Nature Catalysis* (January 2024, 7, 77–88) and "Stabilization of Ni-containing Keggin-type polyoxometalates with variable oxidation states as novel catalysts for electrochemical water oxidation", in *Chemical Science* (2024, 15, 9201-9215). Dr Li was invited to give a talk on photocatalysis in the Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in July 2024 and a poster presentation at the 18th International Congress on Catalysis in Lyon, France in July 2024.

**DR CAROLINE POTTER**, Research Associate in PPE and Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, published with Sarah Harper and Melina Malli "Community-based person-centred integrated care (PIC) networks for healthy ageing in place: a scoping review protocol" in *BMJ Open*, May 2024.

**DR SAMUEL RECHT**, Research Associate in Psychology, received the Young Investigator Award in Psychology/Ethology from the Fyssen Foundation and published two articles, one in the *European Journal of Neuroscience* and one in *Neuroscience of Consciousness*.

**DR YANAN ZHANG**, Research Associate in Medical Sciences and Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, has published three articles in the past academic year. Her most recent article being, "Spend it, save it, or transfer it?" in the *Journal of Demographic Economics*, May 2024. Dr Zhang also published "Population ageing and the demographic deficit: exploring the second demographic dividend" with Sarah Harper in *A Research Agenda for Ageing and Social Policy*, February 2024 as well as "Insights into Informal Caregivers' Wellbeing: A Longitudinal Analysis of Care Intensity, Location, and Relationship" in *The Journals of Gerontology*, January 2024.

## FORMER FELLOWS AND STAFF

**DR DAVID DEARLOVE**, Senior College Lecturer in Biochemistry, contributed to "Indirect Calorimetry-Based Novel Approach for Evaluating Metabolic Flexibility and Its Association with Circulating Metabolic Markers in Middle-Aged Subjects" in *Nutrients*, February 2024 and "An acute upregulation of hepatic de novo lipogenesis does not attenuate the partitioning of polyunsaturated fatty acids into oxidation pathways" in October 2023.

**PROFESSOR DANIEL FREEMAN**, Supernumerary Fellow, published *Paranoia: A Psychologist's Journey Into Extreme Mistrust and Anxiety* (William Collins, February 2024).



**DR TESS JOHNSON**, Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy, published several articles over the past academic year including “Is Resource Allocation that is Sensitive to Vaccination Status Coercive? Who Cares?” June 2024, “Systemic intervention can be intrusive, too: a reply to Paetkau” in *The American Journal of Bioethics*, April 2024 and “Developing an Ethical Evaluation Framework for Coercive Antimicrobial Stewardship Policies” in *Public Health Ethics*, April 2024. She has also collaborated on articles such as “Interventions to address antimicrobial resistance: an ethical analysis of key tensions and how they apply in low- income and middle-income countries” in *BMJ Global Health*, January 2024.

**PROFESSOR RADHA KESSAR**, Weir Junior Research Fellow in Maths at Univ 1999-2002 was appointed to the Fielden Chair in Mathematics at the University of Manchester in April this year.

**MX MORI REITHMAYR**, Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics, gave an Oxford Political Thought Seminar in January 2024 at New College on “José Sarria’s performance archive and the making of nelly queens, 1953-1963.” Mori Reithmayr is a postdoctoral fellow at the Rothermere American Institute, Oxford. Their book project, *Ideas for Power: The Invention of Gay Community, 1953-1969* is the first study of the early life of gay ideas of community.

**DR PATRICK QUINTON-BROWN**, Senior College Lecturer and Departmental Lecturer in International Relations, published a new book *Intervention before Interventionism – A Global Genealogy* (Oxford University Press, April 2024). The launch event for the book

took place at Yong Pung How School of Law at Singapore Management University (SMU) in April. He also presented at the Book Panel hosted by Neta Crawford at the University of Oxford in May 2024.

## OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF

**GILES UNDERWOOD**, the College’s Director of Music, has appeared on four new CD releases in the past year. *On How are the Mighty fallen*, he features as Bass Soloist for The Choir of Queen’s College, Oxford, with the Academy of Ancient Music, conducted by Owen Rees. Also under Owen Rees, this time as a member of the vocal ensemble Contrapunctus, he appears on *Harmonies of Devotion*, a disc of early Italian baroque music. With the group Magnificat, he sings on *The Alchemist*, the first of a three-part recording project charting vocal music by Orlandus Lassus. With the vocal group, Tenebrae, he took part in their recent Bach and Macmillan project, culminating in a live recording of some of Bach’s famous motets alongside Lenten works by Sir James Macmillan. This concert also went out as a live BBC broadcast from St John’s, Smith Square in London.

## VISITING FELLOWS

\***PIREENI SUNDARALINGAM**, Univ's poet laureate, organised and designed the inaugural College Poetry Tour on 23 October 2023. The participatory tour involved Univ members selecting 50 classic and modern poems to be "in conversation" with historic sites around College. Other College poetry events included the world premiere of the oratorio "Lot's Wives" on 3 February, with a libretto by Pireeni Sundaralingam and music by New York Lincoln Center's Bruce Adolphe, performed by the College Choir, Martlet Voices, cellist Richard Tunnicliffe and led by Giles Underwood. Finally, Channel 4 International Editor and award-winning war journalist, Lindsey Hilsum reflects on Pireeni's poetry in her new book of essays, noting the poems she takes with her on assignment (*She Brought the War with Her*, Penguin, 2024).

\*Old Member



# LEAVING FELLOWS AND STAFF

## **PROFESSOR BILL ROSCOE** **FReng** (1975, Mathematics)

Professor Roscoe was elected an Emeritus Fellow of the College in December 2023. He became a College Lecturer at Univ in 1979 and a Tutorial Fellow in 1983. He was the first Fellow of Univ to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (FReng).

Professor Bill Roscoe, undergraduate from 1975 and Tutorial Fellow in Computer Science 1984-2007, is among those responsible – and perhaps the most responsible of all – for the maturity of Oxford’s Department of Computer Science into the institution that it is today. He retires after 49 years at Univ.

Bill read Mathematics, studying at Univ with Gordon Screaton and Michael Collins, when Computer Science was but a sub faculty of Mathematics without a teaching programme of its own. In one role or another he remained at Univ until his retirement.

As a student, Bill became interested in the semantics (mathematical models of) programming and pursued a DPhil under the supervision of Sir Tony Hoare. Here he made key contributions to the theory of Hoare’s language for concurrent computing known as Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP). It was during this time that he also computerised the College’s accounts, meeting his wife Coby, who was Gordon Screaton’s secretary.

Bill was among the first cohort of Tutorial Fellows in the small department then known as the Computing Laboratory, nurturing the first few undergraduates in the new degree of, as it was then called, Mathematics and Computation,



with single-subject Computation added in 1994. Bill took up the headship of the department in 2003, remaining as head until 2014. These were my first years on the faculty, and I remember well how Bill professionalised the growing department, more than doubled the size of the faculty, managed its retitling as the “Department of Computer Science”, and reorganised this now-large department into a number of research themes. In Univ, he gave up his Tutorial Fellowship in 2007 to become a Senior Research Fellow.

As a researcher, Bill has been active in many disciplines, from pure theory to industrial practice in spin-outs, including computer security applications of the CSP algebra that later evolved into financial uses of blockchain-like technologies. Many of his students have gone on to academic positions in Oxford and universities around the world, a testament to his capacity for inspiring curiosity and the tackling of genuinely difficult problems. For his research achievements, Bill was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 2011.

For all his enormous presence in the Department, Bill made equally generous and wide-ranging contributions to Univ. It was there that I first met him, a seemingly endless source of knowledge in those terrifying one-on-one tutorials of my own degree. It was a rare moment indeed when I could find a question that Bill could not answer off the top of his head. As well as being a kind and thoughtful tutor Bill also held an enormous number of college offices, including (amongst many others) Senior Treasurer, Domestic Bursar, Senior Tutor, and

latterly Garden Master.

Though I imagine that Bill's retirement will be far from idle, I hope he also finds time to enjoy it with Coby. He leaves, metaphorically and literally, enormous shoes to fill.

### **Dr Andrew Ker (1994)**

Fellow and Praelector in Computer Science

### **PROFESSOR DAVID LOGAN**

Professorial Fellow and Coulson Professor of Theoretical Chemistry 2005-2024

David Edwin Logan joined Univ as a Professorial Fellow at the time of being awarded the Coulson Chair in Theoretical Chemistry in 2005. However, David was not new to Oxford at the time – he had joined the University and Balliol College as a University Lecturer in 1986.

Hailing from Belfast, David first began his research career in condensed matter theory at Cambridge. He went to Trinity College originally intending to read Physiology, before quickly changing to physical Natural Sciences, a decision he does not regret. David remained in Cambridge to undertake a PhD in Theoretical Chemistry, working on the dielectric theory of fluids, and was then appointed to a Junior Research Fellowship at Christ's College, Cambridge in 1982. In collaboration with Peter Wolynes at the University of Illinois, he developed a strong interest in disordered quantum systems, working to understand the phenomenon of Anderson localization (where random changes to the positions of atoms in a

metal can prevent its conduction of electricity).

At Oxford, David's research moved toward magnetism and electron correlations. In the mid-1990s he developed a highly successful Local Moment Approach for understanding so-called quantum impurity models. This, in turn, led to a great deal of further work on quantum impurity systems, with real implications and predictions for both solid-state materials and nanoscale electronic devices (a period when one of us, MRG, had the great pleasure of being a member of David's research group). More recently, David has returned to working on

localization – but now many-body localization, where the goal is to understand if, and when, the textbook theories of equilibrium statistical mechanics break down in systems with randomness and interactions between particles.

David's brilliant research has taken him to all corners of the globe, but he is particularly fond of his long-standing scientific connections

with India, where he was made a Foreign Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences and currently holds an Infosys Visiting Chair at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru.

Though as a Professorial Fellow, David did not tutor undergraduates in Univ, he will be remembered fondly by them. They would certainly remember his superb lectures in Statistical Mechanics and Quantum Mechanics in the department (which certainly left an impression on the two of us!), but also him very much being part of the Univ Chemistry community. He regularly comes to Chemistry Dinners, where he regales the students with



his entertaining anecdotes of Oxbridge and unfiltered opinions on all topics of discussion.

Perhaps David's greatest contribution to Univ, and student life in Oxford more broadly, came from establishing the Theory and Modelling in the Chemical Sciences (TMCS) doctoral training centre. With colleagues in his department, David designed this pioneering graduate-level teaching and research course, raising >£10M in funds to take the first students in 2014. Univ was and remains an important partner in this project, with the top ranked students each year joining the College and being supported by its Oxford-Radcliffe Benefaction, as part of its strong commitment to postgraduate teaching and research. The TMCS CDT programme has graduated over 70 doctoral students to date, and its year-I training programme continues to admit around 20 students a year to study

for an MSc in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry. TMCS and the MSc course have greatly strengthened graduate-level teaching and research in this fundamental area of chemistry at Oxford, and this will remain a lasting legacy of David's time in the Coulson Chair.

While David is retiring from his Chair and Professorial Fellowship, we look forward to interacting with him in his Emeritus capacity. His sharp perception, and frank and refreshing conversation will always be welcome.

**Professor Justin L P Benesch**

Tutorial Fellow and Praelector in Physical Chemistry

**Dr Martin R Galpin**

Supernumerary Fellow



## PROFESSOR CATHERINE PEARS

Old Members' Fellow and  
Praelector in Biochemistry  
1992–2024 and Associate  
Professor of Biochemistry

Catherine Pears retires this summer after a remarkable 32 years as the Old Members' Fellow and Praelector in Biochemistry at Univ. She followed Michael Yudkin and was the first woman to be appointed to a Tutorial Fellowship in Biochemistry in the College.

Catherine arrived in Oxford in 1992 following a postdoctoral research position with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund at its flagship laboratories in London, where she studied cell signalling pathways with Dr Peter Parker, FRS. Her academic career started at Cambridge, where she took a first-class degree in Natural Sciences (Biochemistry) at Sidney Sussex College, followed by a PhD at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund laboratories at Clare Hall, South Mimms, supervised by the late Dr Jeff Williams in 1987. It was Catherine's work with Jeff that launched her on a trajectory that would define her research for the remainder of her career.

Catherine was fascinated by addressing fundamental biological questions, such as the mechanisms by which different cell types develop and communicate to generate a whole functioning organism and how these processes can go wrong in disease, using a rather obscure (at least to the general public) model organism *Dictyostelium discoideum*. *Dicty*, as it is fondly referred to by those in the research field, is a soil-dwelling slime mould that exists as both



single cells and, under certain circumstances, aggregates to form a multicellular "social" amoeba, which has a late developmental stage charmingly named "Mexican Hat".

Catherine used this organism as a simple proxy to understand how cells communicate and migrate in a developing multicellular organism, how they signal to one another during these processes and, more recently, how these cells fix damage to their DNA. In her later work, Catherine used *Dicty* to offer deeper insights into how certain anticancer drugs work and wrote insightfully on the potential of this organism to enable biomedical research on many fronts.

Catherine taught our biochemistry and biomedical sciences undergraduates a vast array of diverse topics from advances in genetic technology and cell cycle control to the molecular basis of signalling pathways. Her knowledge of these pathways was simultaneously vast and unerringly accurate, which is no mean feat. Those in the Biochemistry Department greatly respected and valued Catherine as a colleague, and many benefitted from her wisdom, empathy and guidance over the years.

Catherine will be remembered most fondly by the students she mentored. Her enthusiasm for biochemistry, as well as her calm and wise approach, rubbed off on all those she taught. Her unwavering support of students was second to none. Catherine's profound impact on the students under her care, both scientifically and personally, was abundantly clear from many an emotional undergraduate leavers' dinner over the years.



Sharing an office with academic colleagues can come with many challenges and even potential hazards, but not in Catherine's case. She selflessly arranged office furnishings to suit all tastes and accommodated the cluttered and often random timetables of her colleagues with grace and seamless ease.

Catherine has been a wonderful and much appreciated colleague. She will be remembered at Univ and more widely throughout Oxford's academic community for her deep passion for research, her teaching and advocacy of her

students, and her calmness when all around had lost the plot. We look forward to seeing the next chapter of her life and hope to welcome her very often at Univ in the future.

**Dr Peter J McHugh**

Supernumerary Fellow in Biochemistry

**Professor Trevor Sharp**

Radcliffe Medical Fellow in Neuroscience

September 2024



## **OTHER LEAVING FELLOWS AND STAFF INCLUDE:**

### **JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS**

**DR MOBEEN HUSSAIN**, Beacon Junior Research Fellow in Postcolonial and Race Studies, leaves Univ to take up the position of Wellcome Trust Fellow and then Lectureship in Modern History at the University of York.

\***DR GRACE MALLON** (2013, BA, MSt, DPhil History), Sanderson Junior Research Fellow in History.

### **STAFF**

**MATT ANDREWS**, Chef

**JUSTIN BOWYER**, Digital Communications Manager, left Univ in July 2024 after more than eight years at the College. During his time at Univ, Justin transformed the College's digital communications, overseeing the introduction of a new website, an enhanced social media presence for the College – particularly on Instagram – the creation of the Young Univ Gallery and Univ North microsites, alongside numerous Christmas films and other videos, photo galleries, podcasts, student travel diaries, Univ Treasures and news items on the College website.

**KATIE BREEZE**, Communications Consultant for Univ North, left Univ in July 2024 to take up the post of Senior Communications Officer at the Nuffield Politics Research Centre. Katie led on and supported Univ North communications for two years. She has done an outstanding job

defining and implementing the Communications strategy and working with multiple stakeholders across different channels.

**TOM HARVEY** left the Operations Team to begin an apprenticeship in vehicle mechanics/maintenance at BMW's North Oxford Garage.

**ARIANE LAURENT-SMITH**, Communications Assistant, left Univ in July 2024 to move to France after more than five years at the College. Her contribution to communications, including curating more than 150 profile interviews on the College website, editing and proofreading College publications, and writing and publishing news and events on the website, has been exemplary.

**ISABEL SEBODE**, Donor Relations Officer, left Univ in June 2023 to move to Denmark.

**SAM UNSWORTH** left the Operations Team at the end of September to study history at Durham University.

**LYNN THORN**, Development Coordinator, left the College in May 2024, to take up the post of Prospect Research Officer at the University of Bath.

**MONIKA ZBYLUT**, Scout

We thank them all for their wonderful contribution to College life and wish them the very best in their future ventures.



# ACADEMIC RESULTS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Please note that students who have opted to make their results private are not listed below.

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

In the Schools of 2024, results were:

Class I	83
Class II I	76
Class II ii	15
Class III	1
Merit	3
Declared to have deserved honours	1

## 2024

The details of the Firsts and Distinctions in the Schools of 2024 are as follows:

### Chemistry (MChem)

Jasper Butcher  
Naomi Costello  
Hugo Fung  
Thomas Ward  
Gabriella White

### Computer Science (MCompSci)

Alexa Tudose

### Computer Science and Philosophy (MCompSciPhil)

Lloyd Arnold

### Earth Sciences (MEarthSci)

Olivia Atkins  
Lucy Jackson  
Olivia Strachan

### Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Charles Doré  
Jess Downton

### Engineering Science (MEng)

Natalie Tsang  
Sam Williamson

### English Language and Literature – Course I

Esther Laird

### Experimental Psychology

Izara Williams

### History and Modern Languages (German)

Alexander Beard

### History and Politics

Liam Fox  
Kerry Stapleton

### Literae Humaniores – Course I

Saul Agar Ward  
Rhianna Harding  
Raoul Lee  
Ishy Levy

### Mathematics and Computer Science (MMathCompSci)

Godwyn Lai  
Benjamin Solomons



### **Mathematical and Theoretical Physics (MMathPhys)**

Lorenzo Tranchedone  
Yanjun Zhou

### **Medicine – Pre-clinical (Three Year)**

Jamie Adams

### **Modern Languages (Russian and Czech)**

Miles Bishop

### **Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry (MBiochem)**

Hana Bernhardová  
Anna Price

### **Philosophy, Politics and Economics**

Gregory Cuff

### **Physics (MPhys)**

Konstantin Dukats  
Sing Lau  
Tat Sang Li  
Oliver Poole

### **Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics**

Przemek Kubiak

All of the above students were awarded Finalist Scholarships to commend their academic results in the Final Honour Schools.

## **2023**

As a consequence of widely reported industrial action last year, the publication of some public examination results was delayed. We are pleased to publish them here.

In the Schools of 2023, results were:

Class I	89
Class II I	71
Class II ii	14
Class III	0
Merit	3

The details of the Firsts and Distinctions in the Schools of 2023 are as follows:

### **Chemistry (MChem)**

Daniel Alimadadian  
David Conneely  
James Merrick

### **Chinese**

Thomas Bowring

### **Classics and English (Four Year)**

Rachel Rees

### **Computer Science (MCompSci)**

Laura Georgescu

### **Earth Sciences (MEarthSci)**

Adam Lindholm  
Becky Pinnock  
Rebecca Tanner



### **Engineering Science (MEng)**

Omar Valeinis  
Jiahao Wang

### **English Language and Literature – Course I**

Hari Bravery  
Isabel Fincham

### **English Language and Literature – Course II**

Jess Steadman

### **Experimental Psychology**

Mabel Rice  
Ella Sparks  
Naomi Tromans

### **History**

Georgie Morley

### **History and Politics**

Alexandra Ward

### **Jurisprudence**

Elena Caioni  
Kylie Chong  
Rory Gaskin

### **Literae Humaniores – Course I**

Bill Sutton-Mattocks

### **Literae Humaniores – Course 2**

Tilly Binucci

### **Mathematics (MMath)**

Oran Gartland  
Paolo Sait  
Carl Westerlund

### **Mathematics and Statistics (MMath)**

Rupert McKay

### **Maths and Computer Science (MMathCompSci)**

Yusi Niu  
Jingjie Yang

### **Medicine – Pre-clinical (Three Year)**

Laurenz Lehmann  
Holly McGee

### **Modern Languages (French and Russian B)**

Gabriel Barnes  
Anastasia Cooke

### **Modern Languages (German and Russian B)**

Iris Bertrand

### **Modern Languages (Russian)**

Hope Nicholson

### **Modern Languages (Russian with Polish)**

Joseph Rooney

### **Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry (MBiochem)**

Harriet Atherton  
Isla Sandeman  
Harrison Wang

### **Philosophy, Politics and Economics**

Sharon Chau  
Gariyasi Garg  
Henry Kwok



## **Physics (MPhys)**

Nina Dimova  
Grzegorz Komorowski  
Tarun Koteeswaran  
Ruize Ma  
Jesse Wang  
Bradley Westwood

## **PRELIMS/MODERATIONS**

### **2024**

In the first Public Examinations there were 34 Firsts or Distinctions in Prelims/Moderations in 2023-24.

## **Chemistry (MChem)**

Kelvin Cheung  
Charlie Chubb  
Rory Proudfoot  
Tomoya Shiina  
Yuhan Wang

## **Chinese**

Olivia Cropley

## **Computer Science (MCompSci)**

Adam Paksy

## **Engineering Science (MEng)**

David Chen  
Isaac Markovitz

## **English Language and Literature – Course I**

Hazel Dovey  
Maximillian Ren

## **History**

Will Chantry  
Alana Cottey

## **History and Politics**

Julian Wang

## **Jurisprudence**

James Hadfield

## **Literae Humaniores – Course II**

Marcus O'Connor

## **Mathematics (MMath)**

Shing Fung Chan  
Tom Forster  
Aaron Gong  
Callum Young

## **Maths and Computer Science (MMathCompSci)**

Annabel Flett  
Sidharth Puthiyedathu Suresh  
Yiyang Xu

## **Mathematics and Philosophy (MMathPhil)**

Inha Choi

## **Modern Languages (French and Czech)**

Jamie Hopkins

## **Philosophy, Politics and Economics**

Shaaon Bhattacharya  
Ariana Islam  
Ava Lamb



## **Physics (MPhys)**

James Kennedy  
James Li  
Hamsin Tan  
Eddie Waugh  
Henry Xu

## **2023**

As a consequence of widely reported industrial action last year, the publication of some public examination results was delayed. We are pleased to publish them here.

In the first Public Examinations there were 23 Firsts or Distinctions in Prelims/Moderations in 2022-23.

## **Chemistry (MChem)**

Ivan Shatrov  
Deniz Yoruk-Mikhailov

## **Computer Science (MCompSci)**

Kathy Sui

## **Comp Science and Philosophy (MCompSciPhil)**

Nicholas Leung

## **Earth Sciences (MEarthSci)**

Maeve Burton

## **Engineering Science (MEng)**

Rory Millard  
Adam Thomas

## **History**

Isaac Dean  
Eve Reynolds  
Rachel Turner

## **History and Politics**

Caroline Sheehan  
Leo Warner

## **Literae Humaniores – Course I**

Maeve Dever

## **Mathematics (MMath)**

Jeremy Liu  
Yifu Zhang

## **Mathematics and Philosophy (MMathPhil)**

Pedro De Oliveira Lengruher Lack

## **Philosophy, Politics and Economics**

Ruitao Yang

## **Philosophy and Linguistics**

Tom Campbell

## **Physics (MPhys)**

Josh Briggs  
Enrico Martinez  
Matthew Simpson  
Nemo Xu  
Leo Yang



## POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

The following members of the College were awarded a DPhil during the last academic year for these theses:

### 2024

Mohamed Baioumy

*Decision-making in Robotics as Probabilistic Inference*

James Bamber

*Fundamental physics with black holes and scalar fields*

Kimberly Becker

*A probabilistic approach to fractional reaction-diffusion equations*

Samuele Coen

*Commenting on Ancient Texts: Interpreters and Their Audience in the Graeco-Roman World*

Daniel Halford

*Geologic Processes that Control Sourcing and Migration of Subsurface Helium*

Elizabeth Hamilton

*Risk factors, correlates and disease burden of chronic hepatitis B infection in Chinese adults*

Ping-Luen Ho

*Investigating porous crystalline materials implanted with single metal sites or controlled metal clusters for catalysis by advanced electron microscopy*

Gwion Jones

*Home Missions and the Religious Reconstruction of the United States, 1865-1900*

Na Li

*Communism in a Religious Land: The Encounter of Revolution and Salvation in the North-Central Region of Shanxi in the Early PRC (1949–1953)*

William Matthews

*Silicon Photomultipliers as Optical Wireless Receivers in Ambient Light*

Luke Milsom

*Essays in Spatial Economics and Inequality*

Melvin Obadha

*Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis in Priority Setting for Universal Health Coverage in Kenya*

Soniya Samani

*Constraining the Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background in Super-Kamiokande with Gadolinium and Precision Measurements of Photosensors for Hyper-Kamiokande*

Emilia Savva

*Mysteriosophies in Ovid's Metamorphoses and Fasti: Philosophy, Religion, Magic*

Jamie Saw

*Gas Turbine Vane Film Cooling for Engine-Realistic Combustor Flows*

Judith Sayers

*Regeneration of the Cardiac Conduction System*

Marcel Stolz

*Neutrality and Cyberspace*

Rowan Walker-Gibbons

*Molecular simulations of solvents at charged interfaces and of macromolecular electrostatics*



The following members of the College passed examinations in taught postgraduate degrees in the summer of 2024:

**Bachelor of Civil Law**

Liso Zenani

**Master of Philosophy in Economics**

Francesco Losma

**Master of Philosophy in Economic and Social History**

Yunyufei Luo

**Master of Philosophy in Slavonic Studies**

Mary Orsak

**Master of Philosophy in Theology**

Nathaniel Hodson

**Master of Public Policy**

Hoda Elabbadi

Angelos Evangelou

Thin Thin Htet

**Master of Science in Applied Cancer Science**

Mohammed Ahmed

Alice Barocco

Gift Gwawawa

Melville Nyatondo

**Master of Science in Archaeology**

Jess Pavert

**Master of Science in Contemporary Chinese Studies**

Alexandra McDonald

**Master of Science in Economic and Social History**

Karim Boudlal

**Master of Science in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation**

Takhona Hlatshwako

**Master of Science in Law and Finance**

Elena Caioni

Max Chen

Ievgen Levitskyi

Rehema Nakirya

Samuel Otte

**Master of Science in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics**

Matthew Kerr

James Pickles

**Master of Science in Russian and East European Studies**

Sofia Johanson

**Master of Science in Statistical Science**

Safa Malik

**Master of Studies in English (1700-1830)**

Elinor Campbell

Rachael Grimmer

**Master of Studies in Global and Imperial History**

Xinming Li



### **Master of Studies in History – Intellectual History**

Jack Graveney

### **Master of Studies in Medieval Studies**

Cory Nguyen

### **2023**

The following members of the College passed examinations in taught postgraduate degrees in the summer of 2023:

### **Bachelor of Philosophy**

Selim Heers

### **Master of Public Policy**

Zelda Hollings

Aung Ko Ko

Min Min Min

Jama Noor

James Pople Hoskins

### **Master of Science in Advanced Computer Science**

Tao Zhang

### **Master of Science in Global Health Science and Epidemiology**

Micheal Besong Micheal

Takhona Hlatshwako

### **Master of Science in Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science**

Clarice Pertel

### **Master of Science in Statistical Science**

Conor Bateman

## UNIVERSITY PRIZES AND OTHER AWARDS

The Editor lists here all prizes awarded by the University, the College, or other sources which had been reported to them when the *Record* went to press. Any further prizes awarded this year will be reported in next year's issue. (Please note that students who have opted to make their awards private are not listed below.)

## UNIVERSITY PRIZES 2024

### **Prize for best Geophysics performance in 4th year**

Olivia Atkins

### **History Gibbs Prize (proxime accessit), for the second-best performance of a joint school candidate in their History papers**

Alexander Beard

### **Gibbs Book prize for performance in the F.H.S. Part I and Part II Examination in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry**

Hana Bernhardová

### **Research Project prize for the third highest mark in the dissertation research project**

Hana Bernhardova

### **The James Naughton Prize for the best performance in Czech with Slovak**

Miles Bishop



**Gibbs Prize for Best Performance in Practical Exams in 2nd year**

Maeve Burton

**Philosophy Faculty Board Prize for performance in Philosophy**

Inha Choi

**Prize for Practical and Data Handling**

Bára Cihlová

**Hicks/Webb Medley Prize**

Gregory Cuff

**Gavin Cameron Memorial Prize**

Gregory Cuff

**The Junior Mathematical Prize for Part B 2024 for outstanding performance in the mathematical papers in Part B**

Aidan Healy

**Brougher-Loughman Prize for best 4th year project**

Lucy Jackson

**Physics Prize for Prelims Practical Work**

James Kennedy

**A Met Office Academic Partnership Prize for an MPhys Project in Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics**

Sing Lau

**Hertford Prize 2024 for performance in the Latin papers in the FHS of Literae Humaniores, Classics and English, Classics and Modern Languages and Classics and Asian & Middle Eastern Studies**

Raoul Lee

**Commendation for Practical Work**

Enrico Martinez

**The Department of Computer Science Prize 2024 for Preliminary Examinations**

Sidharth Puthiyedathu Suresh

**Department of Chemistry Runners-up Prize**

Ivan Shatrov

**A Physics prize for practical work in Part A**

Matthew Simpson

**Hoare Prize for Best Overall Performance in Computer Science 2024**

Alexa Tudose

**Department of Chemistry Second-Place Prize**

Yuhan Wang

**A Physics prize for practical work in Part A**

Nemo Xu

**A Physics prize for practical work in Part A**

Leo Yang



## **The Department of Computer Science Group Project Prize for 2024**

Richard Yu

## **Commendation for Practical Work**

Ethan Zhou

# COLLEGE PRIZES 2024

## **Cridland Prize**

*Awarded to the best all round medical student  
based on First BM Parts I and II*

Ayman Ahmad

## **Cunningham Prize**

*Awarded for the best performance in 1st BM Part II*

Ayman Ahmad

## **Frederick H Bradley Prize (Finals)**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in History  
Finals*

Alexander Beard

## **Frederick H Bradley Prize (Thesis)**

*Awarded for the best thesis in History Finals*

Alexander Beard

## **Helen and Peter Dean Prize (ML joint school)**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in public  
examinations*

Alexander Beard

## **Gerald Meier Prize**

*Awarded to the best finalist undergraduate in  
Economics*

Gregory Cuff

## **Harold Wilson Prize (Finals)**

*Awarded for the best performance in PPE Finals*  
Gregory Cuff

## **Alan Urbach memorial prize**

*Awarded for the highest mark in the Jurisprudence  
paper in FHS*

Lyubomir Hadjiyski

## **John and Ruth Deech Law Prize**

*Awarded for the best finals paper in property law  
in the Honour School of Jurisprudence*

Lyubomir Hadjiyski

## **Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part B)**

*Awarded to the highest performing undergraduate  
in Physics Part B, subject to achieving a First*

Molly Hammond

## **Nathan Prize**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in  
public examinations*

Aidan Healy

## **Helen and Peter Dean Prize (ML single honours)**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in  
public examinations*

Jamie Hopkins

## **Stephen Boyd Memorial**

*Awarded to the best finalist undergraduate in  
English*

Esther Laird

## **Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part A)**

*Awarded to the highest performing undergraduate in  
Physics Part A, subject to achieving a First*

Enrico Martinez



### **Wallis Budge Prize**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in collections for Egyptian language – Old Egyptian, Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, Demotic, and Coptic – or Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Assyriology)*  
Baris Ozdemir

### **Nicholas Prize in Physics (Progress)**

*for one student in any year who has showed the greatest improvement and, through work, made the greatest progress, regardless of their result in that year's public exams*  
Kush Patel

### **Cawkwell Prize**

*Awarded to the Classicist who makes the fullest contribution to the common life of the College*  
Isabella Penna

### **Nicholas Prize in Physics (Part C)**

*Awarded to the highest performing undergraduate in Physics Part C, subject to achieving a First*  
Oliver Poole

### **Frederick H Bradley Prize (Thesis)**

*Awarded for the best thesis in History Finals*  
Indigofera Rosen-Hunt

### **Nathan Prize**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in public examinations*  
Sidharth Puthiyedathu Suresh

### **Nicholas Prize in Physics (Prelims)**

*Awarded to the highest performing undergraduate in Physics Prelims, subject to achieving a distinction*  
Edwin Waugh

### **Peter Rowley Prize**

*Awarded for the best performance in the Land Law paper in FHS Jurisprudence*  
Justin Yuen

## UNIVERSITY PRIZES 2023

### **Passmore Edwards Prize for Classics & English FHS 2023**

Rachel Rees

## COLLEGE PRIZES 2023

### **Plumptre Major Exhibition 2022-23**

*Prize awarded to a Univ student who has contributed much to College life*  
Olivia Atkins

### **Harold Wilson Prize (Finals)**

*Awarded for the best performance in PPE Finals*  
Garyasi Garg

### **Harold Wilson Prize (Thesis)**

*Awarded for the best third year thesis in PPE*  
Garyasi Garg

### **Nicholas Prize in Physics (Prelims) 2022-23**

*Prize awarded to the highest performing undergraduate in Physics Prelims, subject to achieving a distinction*  
Enrico Martinez



**Frederick H Bradley Prize  
(Finals) 2022-23**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in  
History Finals*  
Georgina Morley

**Nicholas Prize in Physics (Progress)**

*Awarded to one student in any year who has  
showed the greatest improvement and, through  
work, made the greatest progress, regardless of their  
result in that year's public exams*

† Oliver Newport

**Plumptre Minor Exhibition  
2022-23**

*Prize awarded to a Univ student who has  
contributed much to College life*  
Lovisa Reiche

**Allen Exhibition 2022-23**

*Prize awarded to a Univ student who has  
contributed much to College life*  
Elsbeth Tolan

**Frederick H Bradley Prize  
(Finals) 2022-23**

*Awarded for outstanding performance in  
History Finals*  
Alexandra Ward

**Allen Exhibition 2022-23**

*Prize awarded to a Univ student who has  
contributed much to College life*  
Kate Whitaker

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

The following undergraduates were elected  
Scholars and Exhibitors for the academic year  
2023-24, based on their academic performance  
during the 2022-23 academic year:

**CHEMISTRY  
(MChem)**

**Scholars**

Cameron Brown  
Jasper Butcher  
Andrew Christian  
Paolo Cicuta  
Naomi Costello  
Hugo Fung  
Ed Neville  
Samuel Power  
Alex Wallop  
Tom Ward  
Gabriella White

**Exhibitors**

Ayala Bernstein  
Bertie Coomber  
Ziyang Han  
Robbie Lacourt  
Suzanne Lim  
Ivan Shatrov  
Deniz Yoruk-Mikhailov

**COMPUTER  
SCIENCE  
(MCompSci)**

**Scholars**

Ivo Karagyozev  
Oscar Lok Tim Mui  
Alexa Tudose

**Exhibitors**

Kathy Sui

**COMPUTER  
SCIENCE AND  
PHILOSOPHY  
(MCompSciPhil)**

**Scholars**

Chuanqi Wang

**Exhibitors**

Nicholas Leung



**EARTH SCIENCES (MEarthSci)**

**Scholars**

Olivia Atkins  
Julia Johnson

**Exhibitors**

Maeve Burton  
Lucy Jackson  
Mengeze Li  
Olivia Strachan

**EGYPTOLOGY AND ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES**

**Exhibitors**

Jess Downton  
Liberty Osborne  
Baris Ozdemir

**ENGINEERING SCIENCE (MEng)**

**Scholars**

Panu Hietanen  
Joshua Pearson  
Natalie Tsang  
Sam Williamson

**Exhibitors**

Will Hough  
Rory Millard  
Adam Thomas

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE – COURSE I**

**Exhibitors**

Scarlett Fountain-  
Wilkinson  
Esther Laird

**EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**Exhibitors**

Izara Williams

**HISTORY**

**Scholars**

Eloise Cooke  
Enzo Cunanan

**Exhibitors**

Isaac Dean  
Eve Reynolds  
Elspeth Tolan  
Rachel Turner

**HISTORY AND MODERN LANGUAGES (Czech)**

**Exhibitors**

Alexander Chan

**HISTORY AND MODERN LANGUAGES (German)**

**Scholars**

Alexander Beard

**HISTORY AND POLITICS**

**Scholars**

Kerry Stapleton

**Exhibitors**

Liam Fox  
Caroline Sheehan  
Leo Warner

**LAW (Jurisprudence)**

**Exhibitors**

Justin Yuen

**LITERAE HUMANIORES – COURSE I**

**Scholars**

Saul Agar Ward  
Maeve Dever  
Ishy Levy

**Exhibitors**

Sabrina Bergin  
Rhianna Harding  
Raoul Lee  
Isabella Penna  
Anneka Pink  
Li An Tan

**LITERAE HUMANIORES – COURSE 2**

**Exhibitors**

Marcus O'Connor

**MATHEMATICS (MMath)**

**Scholars**

Ahmed Ali  
Elijah Chew  
Tavish Gera  
Joshua Lau

**Exhibitors**

Jeremy Liu  
Yifu Zhang  
Jason Zhong

**MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (MMathCompSci)**

**Scholars**

Aidan Healy  
Ben Solomons  
Danny Wheeler

**Exhibitors**

Godwyn Lai

**MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY (MMathPhil)**

**Exhibitors**

Pedro De Oliveira  
Lengrubler Lack



**MATHEMATICS  
AND STATISTICS  
(MMath)**

**Scholars**

Yuhong Chen

**MEDICINE –  
PRE-CLINICAL  
(THREE YEAR)**

**Scholars**

Jamie Adams

**Exhibitioners**

Ayman Ahmad

Jia Xin Li

Vivek Nair

**MODERN  
LANGUAGES  
(French and  
Russian)**

**Exhibitioners**

James McRoberts

**MODERN  
LANGUAGES  
(Spanish and  
Russian)**

**Exhibitioners**

Jake Manketo

**MOLECULAR  
AND CELLULAR  
BIOCHEMISTRY  
(MBiochem)**

**Scholars**

Hana Bernhardova

Emily Davis

Anna Price

**Exhibitioners**

Susanna Alsop

Manraj Bura

Bara Cihlová

**PHILOSOPHY  
AND  
LINGUISTICS**

**Exhibitioners**

Tom Campbell

**PHILOSOPHY,  
POLITICS AND  
ECONOMICS**

**Scholars**

Molly Bartlett

Jennie Christenfeld

Gregory Cuff

**Exhibitioners**

Max Bolton

Kalila Lucas

James Trenaman

Ruitao Yang

**PHYSICS (MPhys)**

**Scholars**

Konstantin Dukats

Molly Hammond

Sing Lau

Tat Sang Li

Oliver Poole

Lorenzo Tranchedone

Yanjun Zhou

**Exhibitioners**

Josh Briggs

Enrico Martinez

Tyler Phillips

Matthew Simpson

Nemo Xu

Leo Yang

**TRAVEL  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following students were awarded a Scholarship in 2023 for travel in the summer vacation 2024.

**ROGER SHORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR  
TRAVEL TO TURKEY**

Sameer Bhat

Tiancheng Wang

**DAVID AND LOIS SYKES  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Jacob Christianson

Asha Molly McGrogan



# 2023-24 IN REVIEW

## FROM THE FINANCE BURSAR

### THE COLLEGE FINANCIALS, 2023-24

As the academic and financial year comes to a close, the taking stock has begun. This is an important process: sometime cathartic, sometime informative, but it is always preparatory for the year ahead. The memory of the pandemic has remained a matter of continued sensitivity for our junior members in particular. While Univ made best efforts to smooth and minimise the disruption, it is recognised that no quarter of the College was unaffected. However, from the financial and commercial perspectives, the College does appear to have turned the corner over the year and there were notable signs of recovery. Indeed, dare I say it, some areas seemed to be on a path back to "normal". This steadying has been very welcome as it offers more reliable prospects of being able to commit with confidence in the year ahead.

For example, inflation has fallen back close to pre-pandemic levels in most areas except for services. Services salary inflation is expected to prove to be sticky for a while. Crucially, however, the College's forward energy costs for electricity and gas have deflated. This has meant that the student room rent increase for the year ahead is actually just less than +2%. This was warmly welcomed by our junior members as it is below the expected increases in, for example, the post-graduate stipends. As usual, both JCR and WCR worked with the College through several cycles of consultation on this determination.

The College's collective drive for cost savings to address its underlying deficit in the income and expenditure account is progressing well,



with many of the essential inputs to the process – the changes in activity that the Governing Body had demanded in order to cut unnecessary costs – have been achieved. At the time of writing, however, we await to see whether the outputs – the year-end outturn costs – reflect that effort (recall that the financial statements cannot be revealed until

the Annual Report has been published in December). The College always recognised that turning its underlying operating deficit into a small but sustainable surplus would be a huge challenge; the hangover of the pandemic having made this task additionally difficult.

Since 2018, the College has been continuously improving its governance. Our progress was put to the test this year following a challenge from the Charity Commission asking Oxford colleges to demonstrate that the Commission's code of governance was being applied effectively, or to explain if otherwise. Univ's Governance Working Group, for and on behalf of College trustees, was engaged and questioned by Charity Commission officers. A full and proper account of College practices in service of good governance were provided. The Governing Body is resolved to continue this progress and to strive to ensure that no incident is mishandled in a way that might detract from Univ's reputation.

Turning now to Univ North, the College's major, once-in-several-centuries expansion of its functional premises, it is pleasing to note that the construction project is progressing very well indeed with buildings visible from the roadside and particularly from the top deck of double-decker buses on Banbury and Woodstock Roads!

The current phase I will deliver 120+ new study bedrooms and a nursery. This will expand our Staverton Road Annexe into a more complete site that will complement its High Street premises. While Notice of Commencement was issued back in February 2023 and Main Contract award in October 2023, our builders have had multiple challenges to resolve. Nevertheless, these have been addressed without compromise to quality and the rapid delivery is all too evident.

As project director, it is a relief to say that the College is delighted with the results and as we prepare to receive the first four completed buildings around Hilary 2025. The remainder of phase I, comprising three further buildings, including the Café, are programmed for Trinity 2026 completion. Costs are being managed well despite recent inflation in the construction sector and currently sit within the available funds for the agreed workscope. The inevitable concerns of our neighbours arising from project activities have been addressed promptly, courteously and completely by the College and the contracted team. While there remain challenges ahead, it is a source of pride that the College's flagship project is progressing so well.

I am pleased to share that there has also been good progress in positioning the College's investment portfolio for the decade ahead. For the commercial property holdings, the drive to "sweat the assets" and improve their productivity has borne fruit in the form of new income from farm buildings in Univ's Yorkshire estates, with three renovated properties completed and let, as well as flats in Oxford being refurbished for full market rent. Unpaid rents arising from the pandemic are being settled now that trading has improved.

The College's acceptance of a share, where appropriate, of the pain arising from the pandemic has been greatly appreciated. This is an example of genuine social investing to provide relief for tenants who might otherwise fold in the face of the poor trading conditions prevailing since 2020. Careful investments in property equity and property debt funds have been made to further the diversification of the property holding.

On the financial assets, the first part of a substantial move to increase the weight of private equity and venture capital investments has been completed through the acquisition of units in the Oxford Endowment Fund, run by Oxford University Endowment Management. The College has also taken advantage of high UK base rates as it adjusted its fixed income holdings.

In closing, it leaves me to hope that you also find yourself more confident of the future, and that the above narrative has been helpful. Please do reach out if you wish for any more detail. It is also a privilege to record again the College's deep gratitude and appreciation for the generosity of its Old Members and supporters. There is no doubt as to the impact of your support, whether in cash or kind; it allows our College to do much more than it would have the resources to do otherwise. Thank you.

DR ANDREW GRANT (1977)  
August 2024



## FROM THE DOMESTIC BURSAR

It is as well most of the time that we don't realise when we are doing some things for the last time. If we did, perhaps we would do things differently and I think on balance that would not be a good thing, because it would not be a true reflection of who we are. I did not realise that the last Governing Body of Trinity Term would be my last at Univ, the last Domus Dinner would also be my last. So many things, looking back, that now seem so poignant, then seemed so everyday because of course, I would be passing that way again another day. Change comes upon us rapidly sometimes; it is not always welcome, it is not always easy to manage, even for someone like me, for whom change is a constant and close friend.

Yet I do know that, as I write, this will be my last contribution to the *Record* as the Domestic Bursar at Univ. So, before I wish my successor well in this beautiful college, let me reflect on all that I leave behind and what makes this college worth all the good old fashioned fist fights (metaphorically speaking) that I have had in my nine-year tenure to make sure we have been on the very best trajectory for those who come after us.

You have often heard me expound the virtues of our long serving staff within my department; the loyalty and dedication with which they have served the College, sustaining generation after generation of student, often through generations of their own families. Their histories are often inextricably entangled with the College's and I find it hard to think that the College belongs to anyone more than it belongs



to those that remain with it, love it and nurture it through good times and through bad, for years and years. Yet it also strikes me that they don't have to have been here for generations to be wholly committed to the health and wellbeing of the College.

We saw true steadfastness in the pandemic from people who were paid the least and were largely unknown outside of the staff body. They put their shoulder to the organisational wheel because they recognised that the organisation they had grown quickly to love, in a quiet way, needed them still; they know it and they pull together as one to make sure the College stays safe, stays well.

They are not in truth even all in my department. I counsel my "chaps" not to mention people by name because you cannot mention everyone, but they all know me well enough to know what I really think, whether I have room to say it here or not. So, let me recall those who always ran into the trouble with me, got out of their beds at stupid o'clock so that I was not alone, stayed with me so that I was not the last here, were prepared to face whatever music was to be faced with me simply because that is what integrity looks like.

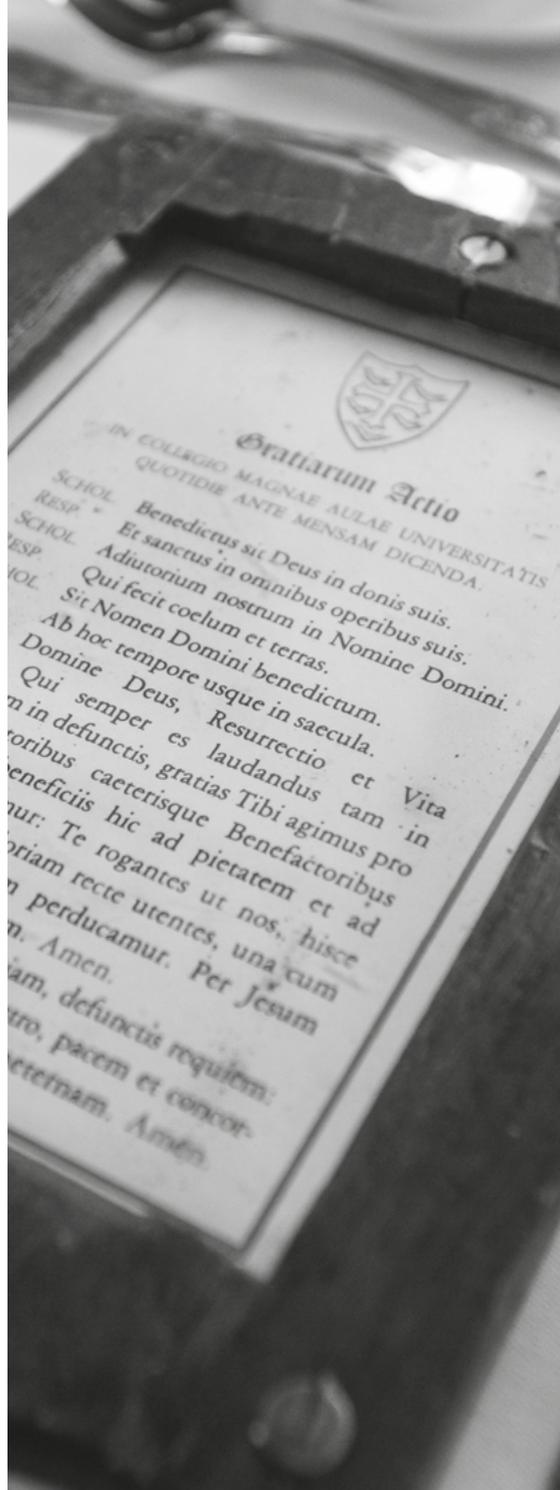
Adam Sawyer, who dragged me from my office to stop an intruder from smashing up our Hall, Bob Maskell, who did his best to prevent it. Huw Davies, who stalwart to the end, turned the last key as we locked down the College and Steph Roberts without whom we simply wouldn't manage – ever. Paul Moloney, for whom the answer is never no

and Steve Irvine who has expunged the word from his vocabulary. Shane Pledge, who will somewhere, one day soon, stand in my shoes, Lila Simms who cannot count the extra miles she has gone for the College. Jeremy Franklin: I cannot imagine a day when I will be without his counsel. Sam Ronaldson, who demonstrates for our students every day what passion and hard work can achieve and Chris Davies who, heart on sleeve, would probably die a thousand deaths to keep you all safe. Khem, may he ever be fighting fit! Robbie Eason, who is the kindest, bestest friend a Bursar could want and Cathy Henderson who, in a very short time, has brought a breath of air into our little DB lives. Danny Collis, for whom I always hope to be "Captain". Julie Boyle, whose courage should be an example to us all. And wrap up your IT team Univites, you simply do not know how lucky you are. These are just some of the people who are the current bedrock of this College; treasure them.

When I left the Royal Air Force, Her Majesty gave me a medal. It has my name on it, but, for me, forged into the metal are all the names of those who served with me over the years for which it was presented. I will remember them always because we were a fantastic team and no medals, no accolades are ever a solitary effort, far from it. Whatever the last nine years have achieved, the names of all those at Univ who I consider to be Team Unsworth are simply etched on my heart and I will carry them with me always. Signing out for the last time, I will miss you and I wish you well.

*Floreat Univ.*

ANGELA UNSWORTH MBE



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Last academic year ended on an upbeat and celebratory note with a hugely successful College Ball, organised ably and with flair by Ball Co-Presidents Isabella Penna and Barbara Taylor, along with fellow committee members Richanne Davies, Emily Davis, Halima Doski, Imogen Shaw and Elizabeth Stuart. It seemed a fitting end to the year, not least for those leavers who arrived here four years ago, in October 2020, when marquees were erected with little prospect of them being filled with music and dancing as they were at the 2024 Ball with its theme “A Night on Mount Olympus”.

As I look back at the year that has passed, I am beginning also to write postcards to those who will join as undergraduate freshers in October. The thought of them coming here as new students fills me with expectation for the year ahead, and it reminds me again of how privileged I am to work in such a diverse and international community in which I and others can learn from and alongside students and colleagues whose experience and perspectives may be very different from my own.

The opportunity to live and to work with a wide range of people is part of what makes Univ such an attractive and formative place to be. But diversity is not without its challenges, especially when members of a community like a college hold different views on contentious issues, including those that may be matters of life or death for other people or for some of us. In common with many other communities, we have members with family and friends living in places where there is violence, oppression and war, or who themselves expect to return to

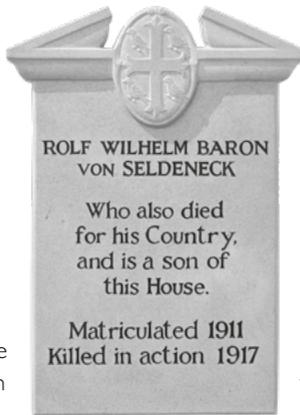


those places; this year we have felt here some of the impact and repercussions of those conflicts in ways that have seemed particularly acute.

As a community gathered from around the world, the world shapes us, and we hope that our education may enable us to contribute to shaping the world in positive ways, working with people of different identities and views. In what follows I reflect on how different generations at Univ have addressed questions and challenges of identity, inclusion and diversity, in the words of a sermon that I preached on Remembrance Sunday last year.

Six years ago, in November 2018, the College erected a new war memorial in the antechapel. The soldier whom it commemorated was a former Univ student who had died not recently, but in 1917, on the Eastern Front. Yet in 1921, when the College erected its monument to memorialize those who had died in World War One, the name of this soldier was omitted.

From the perspective of those deciding whom to commemorate, this particular former student had fought on the other side. Like others whose names were included on the monument he fought for his country and was a member of this college. But his national identity as a German was thought to outweigh his identity as a student here. So, it was not until 2018, 100 years after the war had finished, that we erected a new monument to include and to commemorate Rolf Wilhelm von Seldeneck, who in 1911 came to Univ as a student. For he too was a son of this House, along with others whose names we read in our acts of remembrance every year.



As historians and sociologists will remind us, any act of remembrance is shaped as much if not more by the present than it is shaped by the past. But remembering those with whom we have no living connection can seem less fraught than remembering those who are closer to us in time, or whose situations may be closer to our own. For trauma travels and reverberates in ways that are not always easy to predict or to map. And in a globalised world, many of us may feel the impact of different conflicts in different ways -- sometimes in ways that can make us feel cut off from others who may seem not to recognise or acknowledge our pain.

Tonight, we have read the names of those who died long ago. People with whom we have no direct living connection. But we know that there are those living in places of conflict and war around the world today. That there are people in this college and city with loved ones living in places of danger tonight.

Those of us present in chapel may have different views on who or what we have remembered tonight. Different views on why we have chosen to remember or to reflect as we did -- not least in the two minutes of silence that allowed each of us to remember or to reflect in the way that seemed best to each of us.

But why, we might ask, do we remember in chapel on Remembrance Sunday? During an act of worship, as well as, or instead of, at a ceremony elsewhere on Armistice Day?

Different answers of different kinds can be given. But I want briefly to offer two theological answers to that question. The first may resonate for people of different faiths. And it is this. That

by choosing to remember in the context of religious worship, we are saying that there is nothing that we cannot bring to God. That there is no situation or circumstances in which we cannot look to God for strength. No situation or circumstances in which we cannot bring to God the suffering and pain

of others or ourselves, and the questions and fears that the horrors of war may raise for all of us.

But the second reason is a distinctively Christian one. For it centres on the execution of Jesus on a cross, and on what Christians believe the cross tells us about how on the cross Jesus embodies and shows God's love for us. In the horror of war, and in other forms of conflict, nations or individuals unleash violence on other people. But on the cross, Jesus took human violence upon himself, and he did not resist it. He absorbed it there, in his body, on a brutal Roman cross. And Christians believe that God vindicated Jesus' self-giving death when God raised him from the dead.

Christian faith does not deny the brutal reality of the human suffering that all of us experience in different ways. Nor the terrible consequences for countless individuals and communities of the human propensity to violence and war. Christian faith does not deny the reality of human suffering, either in places of war or elsewhere. But it claims that God is there, God is here, in the midst of whatever we or others experience. That we may call out to God in our pain. That violence and hatred will not have the final word, and that light and life may be found even in places of darkness and death.

REVD DR ANDREW GREGORY



## FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Twenty years ago, on World Book Day 2004, the Library team invited the Univ community to come and view one of our rare books for the first time ever. Johannes Kepler's *Harmonices Mundi* (1619) was chosen as being of interest to a wide range of College members, and everyone piled into the Library office to see the book and read about its contents, binding, and provenance. I'm very happy to say that showing our historic collections to the College community is still one of the most rewarding aspects of my role, and we take opportunities throughout the year to curate exhibitions of our special collections, for the College community and other groups.

The St Cuthbert's Dinner in March was the perfect opportunity for us to present a selection of the books we repatriated from the Museum of the History of Science in 2023. Titled *From Alchemy to Anatomy*, we chose thirteen of the most historically important and visually interesting books to show to the dinner guests, with an additional viewing open to all Univ members on the previous day. Over 140 people visited the exhibition over the two days. The most popular item was an interactive anatomical volume by Johann Remmelin, printed in 1619. The staff took turns to lift the paper layers with a bone folder, revealing body parts as if undertaking a dissection.

In addition, we have researched and curated exhibitions for the Oxford Bibliophiles, the Oxford Oscar Wilde Society, and students from Advanced Studies in England. Closer to home, we've put out displays for Old Members returning to celebrate their Milestone Gaudy



(1953, 1963, and 1973), our first-year English students and the second year Historians. I also spoke at Oxford's Alumni event, *Meeting Minds*, in September. The talk was titled "Oscar Wilde at Univ? An extraordinary hidden collection" and highlighted the Robert Ross Memorial Collection of Oscar Wilde material. In September, we engaged Peter

Kidd to begin the task of cataloguing the Library's collection of 131 medieval manuscripts to modern standards. The last person engaged on this project was Henry Octavius Coxe, who in the 1850s took on the mammoth task of cataloguing all the manuscripts in Oxford's College Libraries. The description of manuscripts has changed a great deal in the last 175 years, so we are looking forward to the time when scholars anywhere in the world are able to access detailed descriptions of our manuscripts in hard copy and online.

As part of the drive to raise the profile of the Library's manuscript collection, Dr Scot McKendrick (1978, Classics), Peter Kidd, and I spoke at the William of Durham Luncheon in May. Scot outlined how, throughout his career, he has been driven to improve access to manuscript collections at the British Library. I endeavoured to show that, in the year of Univ's 775th anniversary, our manuscript collections are reflective of our great antiquity, despite some notable antiquarians claiming otherwise. Using examples from his work on our collections, Peter Kidd demonstrated that the most interesting and important discoveries in manuscripts are not necessarily the most visually spectacular.

The Library's annual Poetry Competition has really taken flight. In the inaugural year, 2023, seventeen poets from across Univ's community submitted twenty poems. In 2024, we were astounded to receive 124 poems from 70 different poets. The Univ community really are amazing. Many happy hours of deliberation later, the first prize was awarded to *Lamps in the Dark* by Lucie de Gentile (2018, Classics), with second place going to Alan Franks (1966, English) for his poem *The Waters O'er*. The high standard of the entries meant that we couldn't help but give four other poems honourable mentions. Awarding the winner a teapot in the shape of the Radcliffe Camera has now become a feature of the competition, so we're on the look-out for another teapot for next year. Donations gladly accepted!

As every year, I'd like to thank our library helpers who do a great job at keeping our libraries running smoothly. As well as returning and shelving books and clearing desks during term, during the Long Vacation they assist Summer School students, run our annual stock-check and help with any other on-going projects. This year the most notable of these has been the transcription of our early library handlists. Thanks to Amanda Lima, Tiancheng Wang, Allyson Dawe, Jessica Nixon, Alexandria Robinson, and Gareth Smith. In other staff news, we welcomed back Nicola Bell after her maternity leave and wished Thomas Connolley the best of luck with his future library career.

Almost before Trinity term had ended, work resumed on the Old Library refurbishment project. Books disappeared behind plastic sheeting, the statues were boxed-in, and the portraits removed before two levels of scaffolding were erected in the upper reading room. The antiquated lighting and fire alarm system have

been removed and will be replaced with up-to-date equipment. After much deliberation, the Library team have chosen to enliven the previously off-white ceiling. The trusses and ribs will be painted gold with a tonal white on the ceiling panels. Finally, the stonework will be cleaned (possibly for the first time in the building's history!), the desks and bookcases sanded and waxed, and a new carpet (with better soundproofing) laid. We're planning a celebratory event to re-open the Poynton Reading Room early in Michaelmas term.

In July, we took delivery of an exceptionally generous bequest to the Library in the form of three large and beautifully bound volumes from the collection of the late Professor John David Hawkins (1958, Classics). The three books, bought by David in Oxford's second-hand bookshops many years ago, reflect his long-held interest in illustration and satirical cartoons. The first is an 1851 edition of James Gillray's satirical political cartoons. The "elephant" folio includes an astonishing 582 illustrations, all printed from the original copper plates. The other two volumes are both sumptuously illustrated after the French artist Gustave Doré: Alfred Tennyson's *Vivien* and *Guinevere* (1867), and Dante's *Inferno* (1866). These two volumes have an additional Univ connection as they were presented to Charles Comyns-Tucker (later a Fellow) on the occasion of his first public examinations at the College in 1867. We are very grateful to David for such a generous bequest and look forward to making the books available to the Univ community and beyond.

ELIZABETH ADAMS  
July 2024



## BOOKS DONATED BY OLD MEMBERS

The following Old Members and Friends of the College presented copies of their books to the Library this year:

**Jonathan Baines** (1997)

*The diary of a Red Army officer* by Sergiusz Piasecki (Instytut Pamięci Narodowej, 2023)

**Faisal Bari** (1988)

*Educational conundrums of Pakistan: "another brick in the wall?"* (AKS Publications, 2024)

**Peter Beresford** (1964)

*A straight-talking introduction to emotional wellbeing: from mental illness to mad studies* (PCCS Books, 2023)

*The future of social care: from problem to rights-based sustainable solution* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023)

**Helen Cooper** (Fellow, 1978-2004)

*The Oxford history of poetry in English: medieval poetry 1100-1400* v.2 (OUP, 2023)

*The Canterbury Tales*, 3rd ed. (OUP, 2023)

**John Crompton** (1981)

*Public net worth: accounting, government, democracy* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2024)

**John Geoffrey Davenport** (1951)

*The first thousand years of the Davenport family* (2024)

**Peter Davies** (1967)

*Clinical tuberculosis*, 6th ed. (CRC Press, 2020)

**Martin Davis** (1962)

*House of Sandys: fragments from the Ombersley Court archive* (Anthony Eyre, Mount Orleans Press, 2024)

**Martin Easteal** (1967)

*Just the ticket: essays in fare collection on trams and buses* v.2 (MEWorks, 2023)

**R. David Edelman** (2007)

*Rethinking cyber warfare* (OUP, 2024)

**Jennifer Harding in memory of her late husband, Christopher Harding** (1969)

*Regulating cartels in Europe*, 2nd ed. (OUP, 2010)

*Sentencing and the penal system: text and materials*, 2nd ed. (Sweet & Maxwell, 1995)

*Criminal justice in Europe, a comparative study* (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1995)

*Sentencing and the penal system: text and materials* (Sweet & Maxwell, 1988)

*European Community investigations and sanctions* (Leicester University Press, 1993)

*Enforcing European Community rules* (Dartmouth Publishing, 1996)

*Diversion in the criminal process* (Sweet & Maxwell, 1998)

*Criminal enterprise: individuals, organisations & criminal responsibility* (Willan Publishing, 2007)

*Legal provision in the rural environment* (University of Wales Press, 1994)





*Cartel Criminality: the mythology and pathology of business collusion* (Ashgate, 2015)

*Human rights in the marketplace* (Ashgate, 2008)

*EU Criminal Law and policy: values, principles and methods* (Routledge, 2017)

**Luke Harding** (1987)

*Invasion: Russia's bloody war and Ukraine's fight for survival* (Guardian Faber, 2022)

*The Liar: the fall of Jonathan Aitken*  
(The Guardian, 1999)

*Wikileaks: inside Julian Assange's war on secrecy*  
(Guardian Books, 2011)

**Professor John David Hawkins** (1958)

Dante Alighieri, ill. Gustave Doré, *The vision of hell*  
(Cassell, Petter, & Galpin, 1866)

James Gillray, *The works v.1*  
(Henry G. Bohn, 1851)

Alfred Tennyson, ill. Gustave Doré, *Vivien and Guinevere* (Edward Moxon & co., 1867)

**Edmund Hayes** (1997)

*Agents of the hidden Imam: forging twelver Shi'ism, 850-950 CE* (2022)

**Richard Hornsey** (1982)

*The many-sidedness of George Minchin Minchin*  
(Springer, 2023)

**Matteo Iannizzotto** (1997)

*Macroeconomic policy since the financial crisis*  
(Agenda Publishing, 2023)

*Post-Keynsian theory revisited: money, uncertainty, and employment* (Agenda Publishing, 2020)

**Tony Lurcock** (1962)

*Uncommon places* (2023)

**Robin Meyer** (2007)

*Iranian syntax in Classical Armenian* (OUP, 2023)

**John Morris** (1958)

*Edward Herbert of Cherbury: the life of Edward, Lord Herbert of Cherbury* (J. Dodsley, 1792)

**Nick Schlee** (1952)

*Nick Schlee: Looking at water*  
(Academy Press, 2024)



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

As with anything to do with Oxford, once it's been done once, there's a strong chance that it turns into a tradition. So, it is with the Chapel Choir's trip to Tuscany. The Choir was again able to stay in William Forde's (1975, Classics) house outside Lucca and due to the popularity of last year's visit, 25 students had to cram themselves into a house designed for 12. We managed, with tents and people sleeping in the garage, but it was a squeeze. Once again, we were able to use the time together introducing new members to the team, as well as giving leavers one last event to look back on.

The only glitch this year was that the Choir never actually made it to Florence to sing their final service of the tour as the train line between Lucca and Florence was under construction and no taxi drivers could be persuaded to make the precipitous drive up the hill to the house at 7am on a Sunday morning! It didn't dampen our spirits though, and the tour was pronounced a success.

At the beginning of Michaelmas term therefore, we were already a well-rehearsed team, and the music in the Chapel reached new heights. As well as the usual run of services, the Choir performed a concert of secular music at the end of October, which mainly featured music from the trip to Italy. This included pieces by Vaughan Williams, Rebecca Clarke, Matthew Harris and Gerald Finzi, as well as jazz arrangements of *Cry me a river*, *All the things you are* and even Sondheim's *Losing my mind* – a welcome departure from our usual fare!

University College Music Society (UCMS) had a busy year, beginning with the first of six



Master's Lodgings concerts (Piano and Pizza) in Fresher's Week. The Fidelio Orchestra (a collaboration between Merton and Univ musicians) staged two concerts. The first included the Overture from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante* and the Overture from Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The second, in Trinity term, had music by Elgar (*Serenade for strings*, *Chanson de Nuit* and *Chanson de Matin*) as well as arrangements of popular film music. UCMS also set up gig nights in the bar, organised trips to the ballet and were integral to the music on the recent Giving Day, making sure there was piano (and some harp and guitar) playing for 7.75 hours in Hall!

Advent and Christmas came up all too soon, with the traditional three sittings of Advent Carols at the beginning and end of 8th week; Christmas Carols on Friday of 8th week; and Carols in the Quad with choirs from six local primary schools. Once again, the weather held for us, and although it was bitterly cold, there was enough hot chocolate and mulled wine to go around. If it continues to expand next year, then I think we'll need a bigger quad!

After Christmas, there were two events, as chance would have it, on consecutive weekends. The first was the Mendl-Schrama Prize Recital, given by last year's winner, Archie Inns (tenor, ChCh) and accompanied on piano by Alfred Fardell (St Peter's). This was a very accomplished concert, with music by Cheryl Frances-Hoad and Ivor Gurney, tying together a theme of reminiscences of wartime. The winner of this year's prize was announced, and, for the first



time, three awards were given. The main prize went to Edward Freeman, a baritone from Queen's; there was an accompanist's prize which was won by Alfred Fardell and a newcomer's prize was awarded to Matilda Bates, also from Queen's. Edward's recital will be held in the Holywell Music Room again, at 7.30pm on 1 February 2025 – please do come and support this wonderful scheme.

The second event was a concert in Hall showcasing a brand-new work by American composer, Bruce Adolfe. Entitled *Lot's Wives*, it takes a poem written by our own poet laureate, Pireeni Sundaralingam, weaving a four-part choral texture with solo cello. The Chapel Choir was joined by the professional singers of Martlet Voices (Anna Crookes, Carys Lane, Lucy Ballard, James Oxley and Ben Davies) as well as cellist, Richard Tunnicliffe. This substantial and hugely effective piece was written for Univ musicians by Bruce and between us, we were able to bring to musical life the words of Pireeni charting some of her childhood experiences of the civil war in Sri Lanka. Also in the concert was music by Parry,

Poulenc and Richard Rodney Bennett, along with rarely performed pieces by Sasha Johnson Manning, Dominic Argento, Janet Wheeler and Claire Liddell. It was wonderful to see the Hall transformed into a concert venue and the audience was treated to a sometimes harrowing, sometimes uplifting performance of music which investigated the effects of war, grief and loss. The concert finished with Herbert Howells' *Requiem*, a series of pieces which Howells wrote as a response to the death of his young son, Michael.

Trinity Term had a flurry of activity at the beginning and then settled as the finalists and first years knuckled down to their exams. Before all that though, there were more Masters Lodgings concerts and a Martlet Voices concert giving an insight into the English Madrigal. This had music from the birth of the madrigal (hard on the heels of small-scale solo voice works from Italy) all the way to more recent compositions by contemporary composers and finishing with three jazz madrigals written by a former student of mine, Will Harmer. This has been a programme I've long been wanting to do, with



the only difficulty being of what to leave out!

We finished the year with a recital in 7th week given by music finalist and violinist, Florence Allen; a dry run of her Final Recital which she gave the week after in the Holywell Music Room.

We say goodbye this year to fewer students than last year; music students, Florence Allen and Wilkie Robson as well as organ scholar, Jocasta Bird. From the choir we are losing Emily Davis, Jessica Downton, William Fox, Ethan Petrou and Samuel Williamson. All will be keenly missed.

Some of these leavers will be joining us in Lucca again (our third visit) at the end of August, and you will be able, not only to hear the Choir, but also to join in with us for our 775 celebration on 28 September 2024, when there will be a Come and Sing event, as well as a Festival Evensong that day.

Thanks as always go to the Chaplain, Andrew Gregory for his continued support of music in Univ and to the Master for her unwavering belief in the importance of music in offering young minds an all-round education.

If you would like to know more about music at Univ, then please do email the Director of Music via [Giles.Underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Giles.Underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk). If you would like to help financially, then please do contact the Development Office.

GILES UNDERWOOD

July 2024



## FROM THE ARCHIVIST

After the excitement of celebrating my thirtieth anniversary of looking after Univ's archives last year, I have started my fourth decade there more or less keeping going as before. More donations come into the archives, be it very large, as when the Estates Bursary had a great clear out of documents, or small, as when several Old Members and their families have given me pieces of memorabilia for the archives. As I always say, if any of you are having a clear-out, and find papers from your Univ days which you don't want to keep, you can always contact me!

Undoubtedly the most striking additions to the archives this year were some designs made



by Joyce Conwy Evans in 1978 for a tapestry with Univ motifs made for Lord Goodman (I am not yet sure what happened to the tapestry). Conwy Evans enjoyed a distinguished career as a designer, especially for opera and theatre. She regularly worked at Glyndebourne, for example. In recent years she has donated her work to those

organisations or people who commissioned it from her, and a colleague at another archive, seeing these designs, made sure that they came to Univ. As can be seen from the photograph below, Conwy Evans's designs include both drawings, usually done in pastels, and examples of fabric. I look forward to discussing with the Oxford Conservation Consortium the best ways to preserve these remarkable artworks.

One item from our archives has gone on a short journey outside Oxford. Acer Nethercott (1996), Univ's great cox who died tragically young in 2013, bequeathed to the College the silver medal which he won at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 (pictured opposite). We have loaned Acer's medal to the Henley River and Rowing Museum until June next year, and Old Members passing through Henley are encouraged to seek it out.

Although I have now catalogued everything which was found in the archives in July 1993, I said last year that the archives have probably doubled in size since I arrived here, and there remain a few large collections which have daunted me by their size and complexity. One such is a collection of papers of Alexander James Carlyle and his family. Carlyle was a Fellow of Univ from 1893 until 1895, when he became





rector of All Saints Church, Oxford (now Lincoln College Library). Although he was a Fellow for a short time, he was nevertheless an important figure in College, because he acted variously as our Chaplain and Lecturer in Politics and Economics and was elected an Honorary Fellow in 1935. The photograph included on these pages shows Carlyle seated among the Martlets in 1904. Carlyle married and had two daughters, who both read Classics at Lady Margaret Hall. Six boxes of their correspondence were presented to the archives in 1997. The collection was large and disordered, and, for many years, I would open a box, look in despair at the mess, and close it again.

This year, however, I have embarked on cataloguing the Carlyle family papers. It has indeed been a long haul to sort them out, but the results have proved fascinating. Carlyle and his family were deeply involved in the social life of Oxford in the early 20th century, and their house in Holywell Street became something of a salon. The letters therefore shed valuable light on the light of an intellectual Oxford family. There is, however, more to them than that.

Carlyle kept the letters from his wife during their courtship, and they tell a tale of how the lovers were forbidden to communicate for seven years because Carlyle's would-be father-in-law disapproved. Carlyle's older daughter, Margaret, studied the politics and economy of Italy, and from the late 1940s visited there frequently on field trips, describing her activities in detail in letters to her sister. A researcher interested in postwar Italy might well find interesting material there. There are also some letters from the Carlyles' friends, including Ellen Dahl, the sister of the author Karen Blixen, herself a distinguished philanthropist in her native Denmark. It can sometimes be frustrating cataloguing a collection:



the important thing for the archivist is to sort the material and make it accessible. It has to fall to others to mine its treasures. And there will, I hope, be treasures in the Carlyle family papers for researchers of the future.

DR ROBIN DARWALL-SMITH  
(1982)

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

The longevity of any institution, through several centuries, can be attributed to many factors. But at the heart of its progress, there will have been a succession of extraordinary people committed to sustaining and developing that institution. This is also true for Univ. And in this, our 775th Anniversary Year, we are remembering and celebrating the many people who have contributed to the College's history and prosperity. From our Fellows, academics, staff and Old Members to our Poet Laureate, musicians and sportsmen and women, Univ has a rich and wonderful history of people. Of course, a core group which the College is especially remembering this Anniversary year, is our benefactors and supporters. Without philanthropy, Univ would not have survived for nearly 800 years. And philanthropy is as important today as it was in the thirteenth century. So, to all of Univ's donors, friends and volunteers, thank you.

When I joined Univ in September 2023, it felt like jumping on a fast-moving train. There was much to learn and many notable people to meet. From the outset, I have been impressed and encouraged by the loyalty, commitment and warmth of Univ's Old Members. There is something quite special about the alumni I have met, and I have no doubt there is more to come from those I have yet to meet.

This year has seen a wealth of activity and accomplishments across the College community. Alongside the regular suite of events and communications that Univ's Development, Communications and Alumni Relations



department delivers, we have planned and executed many additional activities to mark 775. We began 2024 with the Master's inaugural visit to Old Members and friends in Asia: Hong Kong and Singapore. It was also my first visit as Development Director, and we were accompanied by Deputy Director, Harriet Bayly. We were delighted and impressed by the warmth of welcome we received from alumni, over the three events and many individual meetings we held. It was a terrific way to begin the year!

In April 2024, I joined the Master, Harriet Bayly and the Senior Tutor, Dr Andrew Bell for a trip to the East Coast of the USA. We hosted an in-conversation hybrid event in New York with the Master and notable alumna, Emma Tucker, Editor-in-Chief of the *Wall Street Journal*. To mark the Anniversary year in a memorable way with our American alumni, we also held a Gala Dinner at the British Ambassadorial Residence in Washington DC, hosted by Her Excellency, Dame Karen Pierce DCMG. This was an opportunity not only to celebrate with our Old Members and friends, but also to introduce the next fundraising campaign, focusing on the core academic mission of the College: teaching.

Univ has an impressive track record of fundraising, resulting in the College offering close to the highest number of fully funded graduate scholarships of any Oxford College. Add to that the quite extraordinary philanthropy that has supported Univ North, with over 600 donors generating some £50 million. With transformational projects like these



either already accomplished or in progress, the College's next ambition is to secure its tutorial fellowships in perpetuity. Many of our alumni recall with gratitude the tutorials that taught them critical thinking; how to analyse, defend, problem-solve, research and argue. Vital skills which have served them well in their future careers and lives. The tutorial system is the bedrock of an Oxford education, and Univ, like many other colleges, is determined to ensure that it is protected for future generations. We are looking to raise £20 million to fully endow a wide range of tutorial fellowships – from Engineering and Earth Sciences to Philosophy and Classics. The Washington Gala Dinner was a great opportunity to share this vision with some of our American alumni and ask for their support in this bold endeavour.

Alongside the big vision, of course, runs the continuing support for the manifold everyday needs of the College. And this is what spurred on Univ's 775 Giving Day in April/May. The first of its kind at Univ, Giving Day was principally an online fundraising mini campaign, bringing in funds for Student Support, Music, the Boat Club and "Area of greatest need". We also organised many events in College, including a bake-off, haiku-writing, a "music-athon" for 7.75 hours and even maypole dancing! We were humbled to have raised over £200,000 for the College's and students' ongoing needs and extend our grateful thanks to all the generous donors who supported both the matched funding initiative in advance, or who gave on or after Giving Day itself.

Progress at Univ North has continued apace this past year, with buildings appearing swiftly and the landscape of the site evolving. It has the feel of new beginnings, which we are eager to share

with the many donors and friends who have supported it. To this end, we introduced monthly hard-hat tours for all in our community: students, staff and alumni. An opportunity to hear and see progress firsthand. On behalf of all donors who have so generously supported the development, we look forward to the opening of the first building in 2025. First student occupancy will be in October 2025, followed by project completion anticipated in late 2026. The College's biggest development since the seventeenth century, Univ North will be truly transformational for Univ and its future.

Throughout all the remarkable activity that comes out of Univ runs a golden thread: its people, past and present. The individuals and constituent groups that form this community are what sustain and develop it. The Old Members who donate or leave a legacy to the College, seeking to "give forward" and change lives; the volunteers who serve on committees who make decisions about Univ's future or enrich the lives of the wider community; the staff whose loyal service help keep the College running day to day; and the students who think differently and creatively, adding fresh ideas to the rich fabric of our intellectual history. At every turn, there is a person's story. And this is, fundamentally, what we are celebrating when we look back to our founding in 1249 and the generations of teaching and learning that have ensued.

FELICE NASSAR

Fellow and Director of Development,  
Communications and Alumni Relations  
July 2024



## 2023-24 IN REVIEW

# THE CHALET

Univ's twenty-year direction of the Chalet's restoration has made management of the accommodation and parties much easier, while preserving the essential historic character. This was evident on opening the season after Jack Matthews' (JJM) closure in 2023, which went unusually smoothly. The College enjoyed three consecutive parties this year, the first with the leadership of Stephen Golding (SJG) and Simon Phillips (SMP, 1988), followed by JJM with Second Party and then a Univ alumni party as has been sometimes possible in recent years.

First party of 18 members also had a number of visits. Sir Ivor Crewe was able to spend time

with both first and second parties and SJG's family made a brief stay: daughter Marina (Chalet 1997-2001, 3, 17, 22) and Charles (Chalet 2003, 22) Smitherman with their sons Liam and Owen (Chalet 2022). Anne and Victoria Phillips also made a short visit, SMP's recently graduated son Henry having been with us for the whole party. Inter-College friendships were served by visits from Jack Parsons (New College Chalet, 2016-8) and by the presence of Tom Campbell (2022) stimulating the visit of his father Paul (New College Chalet, 1980).

It is good to report that Univ members continue to make the most of the Chalet's



opportunities, both exertional and academic. First party's walks took in the Buet valley, the Aiguillette des Possettes and Col deu Tricot, only the traditional high walk to Tête Rousse being curtailed by low summer snowfall. There were nine morning runs to the village for breakfast croissants. At the Chalet discussion was enlivened by receipt of the UK election results and then by modern technology making an unusual incursion when two UEFA broadcasts were beamed into the Chalet, allowing members to watch England's team win their places in the Semi-Final and Final matches. SMP's modification to the water supply appeared to have abolished that familiar bugbear of chalet life, silting-up of the supply following overnight storms.

Second party was also a full party, with Andrew Ward (Chalet 2008-11, 17-19, 22) helping to run the party. Walks to Tête Prarion, the Gorge de la Diosaz, Col de Tricot, and Tête Rousse were undertaken, in addition to a healthy calendar of croissant runs throughout the trip. The Euros final precipitated one room being dedicated an "Official Fan Zone", and our neighbours from the Boucher Chalet were invited over to watch. Alongside good food and wine, and the traditional reading mornings, the Party also undertook some works to help look after the Chalet, including the complete de-weeding of the French drains, and preparation of wood for the fire.

Fourteen Old Members returned to the Chalet this year, with matriculation years ranging from 1969 to 2017. While it may have been more than 40 years since some were last at the Chalet, everyone quickly got back into the idiosyncrasies of life at 1,700 metres altitude. Showers in the waterfall and kettles that take longer to boil than

normal may stay the same, but changes were also observed, most notably in the painting expertly undertaken by last year's Old Members Works Party, and the new roof.

Normal Chalet pursuits were the order of the day. Walks included Tête Prarion, the Buet Valley, and the Col de Tricot, and a number of croissant runs were also completed. There was still time for reading, yoga on the lawn, and even an evening performance of opera. The Chalet trip ate well – the generosity of several Old Members arriving with interesting cheeses, on top of the normal cheese order – necessitating a welcome Cheese with Every Meal policy. A highlight was the party's dinner at the Prarion Hotel, with opportunity to eat local fondue as the sun slowly set behind the Aravis mountains. We very much hope we can provide more opportunities for Old Member Chaletites to return in the future.

KEITH DORRINGTON,  
STEPHEN GOLDING  
AND JACK MATTHEWS



# JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

The Junior Common Room and its committee took on the huge and exciting responsibility of building up and sustaining a thriving community amongst its members at Univ. With the aim in mind of maintaining the strong bonds between our tight-knit community of students and staff, we had a task on our hands. Over the course of my year as JCR President, I have had the privilege of meeting many of the College's incredible alumni, and it is from those encounters that I was left with a lasting impression of how above the architecture, the facilities or location, it is fundamentally the people and community which make Univ, Univ. It is these close connections that define Univ and make it such a special place at which to live, work and study.

The start of the academic year presents the JCR with the enormous task of welcoming a new cohort of Univ students to our College. This includes showing them the ropes about life at Oxford as well as settling them in by getting to know the rest of the student body. Tireless work over the Long Vac and collaboration with staff across various departments allowed us to offer a wide range of activities during "Welcome Week". This year we organised events from Ice Skating to Games Nights to Open Mic. Welcome Week would not be complete without our signature Univ Fresher's Fair, where we showcase the incredible offer from the plethora of societies and clubs running within the College. None of this would have been possible without the tremendous help from volunteers in senior years to organise and run events throughout the week.



The fun did not stop there, with members treated each term to a catalogue of events organised by JCR officers. Our Entertainment Reps undertook significant organisational and logistical challenges to offer incredible social events each term. Including BOPs in and out of college, pub quizzes and a signature end of term Soirée to top it off. A

huge thank you to Jack Douglas and Amelia Stevens for their incredible efforts. Our Welfare Reps prepared a flurry of events each term during "Welfare Week". We enjoyed painting, ice cream, and even a BBQ. All this alongside weekly Welfare Teas offering a large selection of snacks and treats for the whole JCR to share – marking a real opportunity in the week for the whole community to gather. Thanks to Marcus O'Connor, Zoë Shah, and Manon Graham for their service as Welfare Reps.

The JCR has also hosted other events throughout the year, including those organised by our Liberation Officers representing parts of the Univ community. We have had charity events organised as part of efforts to fundraise for those suffering as a consequence of the ongoing conflict in Gaza. In addition, the JCR organised a Trinity Garden Party featuring a bouncy castle and ice cream van to bring up spirits heading into exam season. The JCR has enjoyed participating in Giving Day and all the festivities put on during that period.

The physical JCR space is another area which I placed great attention to. As a central communal space, we felt its potential was not yet fully realised and undertook to make it more



functional, exciting and homely. This year, we are happy to have introduced two consoles in the JCR, unleashing a hidden passion for Mario Kart and F1 racing within the Common Room. These additions have brought new life to the space and offer a new way for unwinding with friends after a busy day in the library or in labs. Thanks to help from the Works Department, we now have a Wellbeing Corner in the JCR serving as a cosy space for relaxation decked out with pillows, blankets and books. We have also installed a collection of Matriculation photos in the JCR to proudly display our student community. These additions have gone far in rejuvenating the physical JCR space and bringing together students.

Advocating for JCR members interests is a key role and responsibility on the Committee and the President. In this capacity, I have had discussions with many stakeholders in the College around restoring lodge provision overnight. The JCR is pleased that the porters' lodge will be open overnight from Michaelmas 2024. JCR Officers have also worked constructively with College to provide sanitary products in bathrooms, discuss plans for bar renovations, and improve food options for those with dietary requirements.

I wish to express my gratitude to all staff at the College who have been incredibly helpful and kind in supporting so much the JCR works on. Thanks are in order for all those who have served on the JCR Committee, who truly do uphold key functions that the whole JCR relies on. I wish to give a special thank you to my two Vice Presidents, Ruitao Yang and Héloïse Picolet. They have both provided incredible counsel and leadership over the year and have truly been fantastic VPs of the JCR.

As my time as President concludes, I am filled with abundant hope and complete confidence as I hand on the baton to Manon Graham to take on the role as JCR President. I am very certain that she and her VPs, Isadora Drago and Shaاون Bhattacharya, will take the JCR to new highs and build even higher on the wonderful student community here at Univ.

ARDEEL HUSSAIN

(2022, PPE)

President, Junior Common Room



## WEIR COMMON ROOM

It has been a lively and event-filled academic year for the WCR community here at Univ. Fresher's Week in Michaelmas Term unfolded with an array of scavenger hunts, brunches, pub crawls, drinks receptions, and Bops, all of which helped freshers settle into Univ and the wider community at Oxford.

Our previous WCR President, Naroa Ibarra-Aizpurua and Vice President and Treasurer, Lovisa Reiche, set about with an aim to revitalise and reenergise the WCR community after the COVID-19 pandemic, and the community has been reaping the rewards of their hard work this year. Under their direction, the WCR has been refurbished, and our members have been enjoying the feel of the new space. The newly built bar has elevated the feel of evening events such as drink receptions, and the new décor has breathed new life into the space. In the next academic year, we are continuing to update the WCR, with plans to acquire artwork for the space and hang up matriculation photos from previous years, all with the aim of fostering a sense of community and belonging for WCR members. Thank you to Naroa and Lovisa, and to Shane Pledge in the Domestic Bursary for making this refurbishment happen.

The appointment of four social secretaries this year has ensured that the WCR community has benefited from a wide range of events each term. Our term cards have been busy with events such as wine and painting evenings, pub quizzes, Bops, cocktail nights, and a termly visit to Magdalen's Liquid Lounge, which always proves popular. Our members have enjoyed formal exchanges with St



Johns, New, St Cross, Merton and Pembroke. There was an especially memorable exchange at Champion Hall, where WCR members enjoyed the intimate experience of dining by candlelight in the library amongst Champion Hall members, one of whom is a Benedictine monk, and another, a Franciscan friar.

Trinity Term ushered in a new WCR Committee, who are continuing to create a friendly, welcoming, supportive, and fun environment for WCR members. We continue to look for new ways of engaging the WCR community, for instance, combining college and WCR events. Friday formal followed by a Bop in the WCR went down very well with WCR members.

Thank you to both the current WCR Committee, and to previous WCR Committees, for all the hard work and dedication that has gone into running the WCR over the years. These accumulative and collective efforts are much appreciated.

Thank you also to the College staff, fellows, and officers here at Univ for their help in the running of the WCR. Thank you especially to the Master, Baroness Valerie Amos, and the Domestic Bursar, Angela Unsworth, (and the entire the Domestic Bursary team) for all their support.

On behalf of the WCR, we look forward to welcoming new graduate students in Michaelmas 2024!

HOLLY JAMES JOHNSTON  
(2019, English)

President, Weir Common Room



# OBITUARIES

## FORMER FELLOWS

### DR PATRICK BAIRD

#### *Remembering Patrick by Liz Baird*

Patrick's widow, Liz Baird, delivered this at the memorial service for Patrick in Univ Chapel on 17 February 2024.

As I was working in the College Office as usual one day, a Fellow appeared and asked to borrow a pencil. During the two years I worked there, my pencils were constantly disappearing and I even stuck labels with my name on them in a vain attempt to keep them. But this particular Fellow – Patrick – had such an endearing air to him that I did lend him a pencil, and told him that if he came back, he could borrow a ruler, too. Given his expertise in measurement (for example, he contributed to the definition of the metre in his work at the National Physical Laboratory), this was more appropriate than I then realised.

However, it was actually the first American President to have attended Oxford – ex President Bill Clinton – who really brought us together. On 8 June 1994, he came back to Univ, where he'd previously been a Rhodes Scholar, to receive an honorary degree. (Incidentally, I was amused to read much missed Univ Fellow George Cawkwell's description in the *Scottish Herald* of Mr Clinton as "an amiable person whose record at the college was absolutely impeccable. [...] He was not a draft-dodger and there was certainly nothing about women". Oh, George, how wrong you were!)

Preparation for Bill's return to Univ went on during the week or so beforehand. It was certainly unusual to find ourselves working under a roof with snipers on it, and a couple of us girly minions enjoyed teasing the hunky security team, suggesting they might like to frisk us as we walked through the airport style security.

On the big day itself, 8 June 1994, we staff members were safely roped off from the great and good as they processed through the College and into lunch. But, generous as ever, the College gave us each a little lunch box, which, to our delight, included a tiny bottle of wine.

Christine Griffiths (College Secretary) and I were in one of Univ's back quadrangles when Patrick appeared. He stopped to chat; the heavens opened. Patrick invited us to enjoy our lunch boxes in his room which happened to be in that quad. Christine returned to the office soon after, but I stayed on longer. The conversation started that day continued for almost 30 years.

Patrick had a very special sartorial style. His Marks and Spencer's V-necked lambswool jumpers were often embellished with tomato ketchup stains, or holes from acid chemical burns. This was something that Patrick had in common with the then Master, chemist Prof John Albery, whose secretary, Elizabeth Bowles, I watched with fascination cheerily stuffing her boss's jumpers into the bin. He simply pulled them out again later. I felt a bit daunted by this place at the beginning, but things like this really



*PEGB with his Belgian grandmother*



*PEGB and family on holiday in Belgium c 2000*

made me feel at home, as it was exactly what my parents did in our house.

Patrick's lack of personal vanity was endearing. He was WYSIWYG: What You See Is What You Get. He was also probably the most intelligent person I'd had a relationship with. When on occasion he used the "hoist by your own petard" style of discussion on me, I pitied those would-be undergraduates who he subjected to this mode of inquisition during admissions interviews. But he also had a wonderful sense of humour.

I was utterly hopeless at science at school; I was so incapable of learning anything about Physics that I paid someone to do my Physics homework. Our abilities and interests were different, but we did have some things in common: one thing we shared was that we both had memories of Belgium in the 1960s. My family visited Belgium often. My father had been there during World War 2 and I'm still in touch with the friends he made during that period.

Patrick was half Irish, half Belgian. His father, George, left his Protestant family in Ireland in the 1930s to come to England. There was no further contact with the Irish side of the family after that, sadly. His Belgian mother, Madeleine, and her Catholic family were originally from Bruges, but moved to Brussels (Etterbeek), where they ran a shoe shop. George joined the RAF and met Madeleine when the Allies liberated Brussels, in autumn 1944. They finally married in 1948, in Brussels, with the service conducted in the porch of a Catholic church, due to their religious differences. They then moved to England, and Patrick was born in Wimbledon in 1949. His brother Adrian was born six years later. The family eventually moved to Bromley. George worked abroad a lot, for a company called Seismographic Service, which tested for possible

oil in different countries, while Madeleine worked part-time in Russell and Bromley's shoe shop.

In the school holidays, Madeleine took the boys to Blankenberge on the coast, or to a holiday cottage in Sept Fontaines, near Waterloo. They spent time there with Madeleine's family: her sister, Claire, and cousins Louise, Danielle and Jean-Paul. Despite this, neither sibling learned either French or Flemish! Apparently, Patrick's fondness for alcohol started then: Adrian remembers that six-year-old Patrick one afternoon started eating the cherries their grandmother was macerating in alcohol to make cherry brandy. The unfortunate results didn't put him off.

The boys – six years apart in age – were not very close and went to different schools: Patrick went to what is now Ravens Wood School, one of the first Specialist Technology Colleges (previously known as Bromley Technical High School for Boys). David Bowie was a fellow pupil, but I don't think they met. Indeed, the wild excesses of the 1960s and 70s pretty much passed Patrick by, though he did go through a Wagner phase. In 1967, Patrick went on to do Physics at Exeter University, and then came to Univ, and Christ Church, and finally returned to Univ, where he stayed until retirement. His brother, Adrian, did PPE at St Peter's, from 1974.

Just as Patrick was for a time, amongst other things, IT Fellow at Univ, at home he was "technical department". Broken PC, TV not working? Technical department. Put the bins out? Same answer.

Although I remained none the wiser about any of Patrick's atom-related activities, I did gain a couple of valuable insights from Patrick, which I'll share with you: 1. To save money, don't shop in upmarket places (no more Italian shoes or



Bond Street for me, then) 2. Most nasty stains can be removed by application of neat Fairy washing up liquid.

He also taught me about TGIF – Thank God It's Friday. We used to enjoy going out each Friday after work. We went to country pubs, and dancing in local nightclubs. Professor Chris Pelling once commented to me that he'd spotted my little green Fiat Panda outside a nightclub in George Street in the early hours: those were the days when you could actually drive to the city centre and park outside wherever you wanted to go.

If Patrick ever travelled outside Oxford, it was normally for a conference. Whereas others managed to go to conferences in places like the Maldives, if Patrick went anywhere, it was usually ... London. I introduced him to the concept of package holidays and we did enjoy a holiday in the Canaries. But then – to our astonishment, given the fact that we were both in our 40s – we started having children: our son Patrick junior one year, and our daughter Georgina the next.

And yes, we did get married, too. We moved into a College flat in Oakthorpe Road, Summertown. Outside was a wilderness of brambles. Patrick was in those days keen on, and good at, gardening, and he created a flower-filled garden out of this horrible mess, which really impressed me.

Patrick's teaching and College obligations left him with little free time for the demands of family life; when the children were small, we did have some low-key family outings and holidays. We rented cottages in Devon, and northern France; we went to Disneyland Paris, where the children and I were amused to see that Patrick couldn't find the toilets. We sometimes went to Belgium, or Wales, though after several holidays with atrociously wet weather – once we had to buy

completely new outfits, as we had nowhere to dry out our clothes – we gave Wales up.

Until Patrick became a governor at a lovely school in Monmouth. I often went with him to prize-givings and concerts, for the ten years or so of his governorship. We much enjoyed going there, not just because it is an attractive town, in a beautiful part of the world, and because it was good to get out of the Oxford bubble, but because of the people we got to know, the staff and other governors.

About eight years ago, Patrick had a stroke, and he didn't really make a full recovery. Life slowed down considerably for him, all the more so with his recently diagnosed cancer. His horizons became much reduced, but until just before the end, he seemed to enjoy his routine of getting up late, going out in one of his many cars to buy more ready meals and "stuff" (at one time he had about eight vehicles, including a people carrier, "sports" car, motor home, and motor bikes), then watching *A Place in The Sun* on TV, endlessly, even though he'd already bought his own flat on a busy street in Malaga, which was of little interest to anyone in the family but him, and having a few glasses of wine till he fell asleep.

He was not unhappy: he seemed quite satisfied, with me and sometimes the children – and, till his own sad demise this summer, our cat Charlie – pottering in the background. I think he felt he'd achieved his aims in life and was happy about that.

Patrick died on Remembrance Sunday, 12 November 2023 at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, in a quiet, private room with a view of trees shedding their leaves. Georgina and I were there.

It was here, at Univ, that I met Patrick, 30



years ago. This College has played a huge role in both our lives. It's particularly fitting that I can now say a final "goodbye" to him here. Thank you for coming to share this moment with me and the children.

Grateful thanks to all who contributed to our fundraising initiative for UCare (Urology Cancer Research and Education, Oxford [ucare-oxford.org.uk](http://ucare-oxford.org.uk)): an additional cheque brings the total to £2,000 raised in memory of Patrick, which will go towards their recruitment of a research nurse.

## PATRICK BAIRD – A TRIBUTE

**Professor Robin Nicholas**, Emeritus Fellow  
(Physics Fellow 1982-2021)

Patrick's career as a professional physicist began in 1970 when he arrived at Univ after a physics degree from Exeter, to begin a doctorate in atomic physics under the supervision of our new young tutor, Derek Stacey. Just three years later he submitted his thesis on "Investigations in high resolution spectroscopy using digital techniques", founded on his passions for precision, accuracy and practical skill which became the themes that he was to develop throughout the rest of his career. The next stage came when he was elected to a Research Lectureship at Ch.Ch. (a sort of extended-JRF). This was a very happy time during which he met several lifelong friends, such as Roger Mallion, Colin Thompson, Chris Pelling and others, a group who by all accounts took great pleasure in spectating on the behaviour to be seen in a particularly interesting college SCR.

Back in the department he formed an integral

part of an internationally renowned group built around Univ and Ex-Univ physicists, himself and Derek but also including Pat Sandars, who was a Weir JRF at Univ in the 1960s and others such as Chris Foot, Ken Woodgate, Chris Palmer, David Lucas and Keith Burnett. This was when he took this work to "the next level", and it was his precision, accuracy and practical skill which was just what was needed. Their "big project" involved looking for tiny violations of parity (if you look at your image in a mirror, or in his case an atom of bismuth, does the image staring back at you actually look the same as seen by everyone else). This was a very important test of the "standard model" of particle physics (the theory of what makes the world work) which is based on the existence of the famous "Higgs boson". The answer took nearly 10 years to be sure of and it came back as "No, not exactly, but it's only different by about 1 part in 10 million" but that was OK as that was what the model predicted.

Still working on this project in 1984 Patrick moved back to Univ, but now as a full fellow and tutor in Physics and ready to make his own contributions to the life of an SCR and governing body. I had been appointed just a couple of years before and not long after came John Wheeler so the three of us made a completely new physics team for College. The three of us gelled and always had great fun working out new problems to set our entrance candidates and analysing each other's solutions to them, which weren't always so easy to agree on. Once our selections arrived it was Patrick that taught them the first year physics course and throughout his career, he continued to make sure that all the subsequent students had the same good grounding right up to his retirement. There have been many



tributes from these students such as those from Richard Fleming who writes:

"I was intimidated coming to Oxford and remember Patrick in particular for creating a warm and welcoming start to undergraduate physics. He made Friday afternoon tutorials great fun."

And from Mary New:

"Patrick was my tutor. I remember his door was always open and his willingness to help, and also his dry humour at my foolish questions. I have a lot to thank him for."

Of course, he was also teaching his own specialities of optics and atomic physics, as well as just the first years. Another important part of his teaching was looking after graduate students as both supervisor, college advisor and latterly head of graduate studies for the physics department. He was clearly an inspiring and very "hands on" supervisor:

As one of his former graduate students, Nick Edwards commented:

"Patrick was my supervisor. I learned so much from Patrick over my time under his supervision. He had an amazing knowledge of physics and a great scientific intuition, but I was also so impressed with his abilities to tackle anything from plumbing, electronics, optics or even working in the machine workshop. He was always encouraging, good humoured and supportive, even at times when we had setbacks. He was also generous in the time he spent teaching and demonstrating to us, so it was a great learning environment. After my DPhil I got a job as a result of his sponsorship and am still there after 29 years, so Patrick's research project and teaching has had a big impact on my life."

And from Simon Cornish, one of several of Patrick's former students who have gone on to

hold Professorships at prestigious Universities around the world:

"Patrick was a wonderful mentor. He gave me the freedom to explore in my research and allowed me to develop an independence that has shaped my subsequent career. He brought humour and a smile to the lab every day, and his sharp mind kept us on our toes."

Mentoring of colleagues was another part of Patrick. For several years Alphonse Weber was one of the Univ teaching lecturers before he moved on to a fellowship at Pembroke and he writes:

"I fondly remember Patrick from my years teaching at Univ. He showed me both how to find my way at the college and how to teach the students. I am sad he is gone."

While doing all this teaching and mentoring, Patrick kept up and developed his high precision spectroscopy work and over his career published measurements on the spectroscopy of atomic transitions for nearly a quarter of all the atoms in the periodic table, and even some that aren't. As another part of his tests of the standard model of particle physics he studied the artificial atom muonium (an atom which has been put together using an exotic particle called an anti-muon and an electron, both leptons) but he had to be quick to catch them as they only live for about 2 millionths of a second. The standard model survived this further examination intact and it still remains so to this day.

In the latter part of his career Patrick took up another project. He started working with clocks. But these were not like any clock that you might see at home. His expertise in high resolution spectroscopy had led naturally to a long and fruitful collaboration with Patrick Gill, Helen Margolis and others at the National

Physical Laboratory, and a lot of that included the co-supervision of many graduate students. With them he started working on the development of atomic clocks which provide the international standard of time. Although quite complex and sophisticated they are enormously important as they are the basis of the entire Global Positioning System (GPS). Think of Patrick when you're next using your GPS system, but maybe not if you're swearing at it. Quite recently, he was co-author of a paper on the most advanced type of clock to date, something called a "strontium optical lattice" clock which has an uncertainty as small as ten parts in a billion billion. What does that mean? if one of Patrick's clocks was started today and ran for another four billion years, which is the entire lifetime of the Earth up to now, it would still be correct to within one second.

On that remarkable achievement, I'd like to conclude by using some words written about Patrick by Sir Ivor Crewe, our recently retired Master.

"Patrick had all the virtues of a traditional College Fellow. He was wonderfully loyal to Univ, taking on innumerable, unglamorous, administrative chores and committees, for which the only reward was knowing that these were necessary for the College to flourish.

And he was a genuinely committed teacher. Hundreds of novice undergraduates must have passed through his hands in the course of his many years at Univ. Patrick tutored 19-year-olds, year after year, knowing that without being patiently taught the rudiments, they could not progress to becoming serious physicists.

He taught me a little too! I recall how much he enjoyed talking about physics to the people around him at lunchtime in the Alington Room – and in terms that we could all understand.

He was a Fellow in the truest sense."

So, thank you, Ivor, for those comments. And finally, for myself, I'd just like to say,

Thank you, Patrick.

**General Sir Frank Edward Kitson GBE KCB MC DL** died on 2 January 2024 aged 97. General Kitson was a Defence Fellow at Univ from 1969 to 1970. An obituary was published in *The Telegraph* on 3 January 2024.

**Professor Nicholas "Nick" Francis Robert Crafts CBE FBA** died on 6 October 2023 aged 74. He was a Fellow in Economics at Univ from 1977 to 1986 and Domestic Bursar from 1978 to 1982.

## JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS



**Dr. Glenn Black** (St Andrew's College, Makhanda/ Grahamstown) died on 12 January 2024 aged 80. He was elected a Salvesen Junior Fellow in English at Univ in 1969 and was English Lecturer at the College from 1971 to 1978. He also served as Junior Dean for some years. Dr Black was a CUF lecturer (now Associate Professor) at the English Faculty, and a Fellow of Oriol College from April 1978 until his retirement in



2010. His wife Alicia worked for several years in the College Office at Univ in the 1990s and early 2000s. A full tribute will be included in next year's *Record*.

## HONORARY FELLOWS

**Professor David Hawkins** (Bradfield College) died on 17 December 2023 aged 83. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read *Literae Humaniores*. He was elected an Honorary Fellow in 2009. Sir David Logan (1961, Classics), forwarded to us the following introduction to a *Festschrift*, originally published on the occasion of David's 70th birthday.

John David Hawkins was born on September 11th, 1940, in Exmouth, Devon, as the eldest of the three children of John Alexander Sneyd Hawkins and Audrey Joan Spencer. His parents had met and married in India, where John Hawkins served as an officer in the Royal Artillery and came back to England shortly before David's birth. In 1948, John Hawkins, who had studied at Cambridge, bought a farm in Devon where David was brought up. It was an old and distinguished family which had a multiplicity of interests both cultural and practical. David's friends were impressed by the casual and tolerant atmosphere which prevailed at home. In the Hawkins household there was no snobbishness or insularity; all sorts of people mingled and the vagaries of the British upper classes were looked at with affectionate irony. These qualities have been perpetuated by David, as anyone who has known him even briefly can readily confirm. Cats were a great source of amusement in the family and David



expanded on his father's eccentric way of talking to them. Probably David's first linguistic achievement was the composition of the *Official Cat Phonology*, which is still put to use when stray cats occasionally visit his village house. There was no television in the Hawkins home, so reading aloud in the evenings in front of a roaring fire was the norm, preferably Dickens, Tolkien and Agatha Christie. The latter was a not-too-distant neighbour and David used to visit her and her husband Sir Max Mallowan, the renowned Mesopotamian archaeologist, from time to time. Could these visits have sparked his first interest in the ancient Near East?

David was educated at a local private school, Upcott House, and at the age of 13 he went to Bradfield College, Berkshire, a renowned school with a good tradition of Greek and Latin teaching. He excelled in his studies and took an active part in the school plays, especially Greek drama, for which Bradfield was famous. One of his teachers was the classicist David Raeburn, who authored a number of translations of the classics and books on the performance of classical plays. David has remained in touch with him ever since. From 1958 David studied, on a state scholarship, *Classics and Philosophy* (*Literae Humaniores* or "Greats") at University College, Oxford. He was lucky in his tutors: A.E. (Freddie) Wells for classical languages and literature, George Cawkwell for ancient history and P.F. Strawson and G. Paul for philosophy. His natural inclination was clearly for the linguistic and textual subjects and he finished that part of the course (*Honour Moderations*) with a First. He received his BA in 1962 and his MA in 1965.

From 1962 he worked for a postgraduate diploma in Western Asiatic Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology in London. He studied archaeology with Seton Lloyd, history with Peggy Drower, Ancient Hebrew with Raphael Loewe and Akkadian with Harry Saggs and Donald Wiseman. He obtained his diploma with distinction in 1964 and won the Gordon Child Prize. By this time, he had already switched his interests from Classics to the Ancient Near East, apparently under the strong impression left on him by the Gilgamesh Epic. In 1964 he became a Research Fellow in Akkadian at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and then remained in the Near and Middle East Department where he taught until his retirement in 2005.

In 1993 he was appointed to a personal chair in Ancient Anatolian Languages. He also contributed courses in archaeology to the Institute of Archaeology where he became an Honorary Visiting Professor. In 1993 David was elected a Fellow of the British Academy, and in 1998 a Foreign Member of the American Philosophical Society. Most recently (2009) his old Oxford college, University College, made him an Honorary Fellow.

He served as the honorary secretary of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq from 1976 to 1986 and edited its journal *Iraq* from 1970 to 1995. Concomitantly he sat on the council and on the executive committees of the British School of Archaeology at Ankara. In the 1960s David started to go regularly from London to Oxford to study Hittite with Oliver R. Gurney and there got involved in a seminar on the so-called Hieroglyphic Hittite inscriptions led by Leonard Palmer and attended, among others, by Anna Morpurgo Davies and Jill Hart; this is

the subject on which he eventually focused and which he revolutionized.

His friendship and scientific cooperation with Morpurgo Davies continued to play an important role in his life. In the country cottage at Minster Lovell near Oxford, which he shares with his life partner, Geoff Ryman, a well-known writer, she and countless other friends and colleagues are always welcome for a good chat on professional matters and a hearty drink and meal. David's culinary capacities are only surpassed by his scholarship, and as a devoted gardener he proudly makes use of his self-grown freshly picked vegetables in his perfect cuisine, which puts pay to the myth that there is no independent British cooking.

From 1965 onwards David traveled regularly to Turkey, Syria and Iraq in order to inspect Hieroglyphic monuments in museums and open-air sites. He immediately realized how inaccurate and incomplete the available drawings and publications were and consequently initiated an ambitious project of copying and obtaining good photographs of the entire corpus of inscriptions. This Sisyphean enterprise was crowned by the publication in 2000 of the three parts of his monumental Corpus of Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscriptions, Vol. I, The Iron Age Inscriptions, exactly a hundred years after the pioneering enterprise of L. Messerschmidt's Corpus Inscriptionum Hettitarum. He also played an instrumental role in the definitive publication of the Hieroglyphic text of the Karatepe bilingual by Halet Çambel as Volume II of the Corpus. A third volume in preparation will include Addenda to the Iron Age material, the Empire period inscriptions, and a general Signary, Glossary and Grammar of Hieroglyphic Luwian. David's enormous black briefcase containing the full



documentation for the Corpus travelled with him everywhere and miraculously has never been lost or damaged even in dire situations.

His idiosyncratic handwriting and neat hand copies can be traced back to two of his greatest talents, drawing and close scrutiny: 1. From his early days he developed an interest in political cartoons and for a while even contemplated turning this skill into a profession. 2. His talent for drawing is enhanced by a remarkable ability to notice even the minutest details and changes in other peoples' appearance or outfit. Many a detail in an inscription or on a seal that went unnoticed by others has immediately been detected and recorded by David. His spectacular decipherment of the Karabel inscription, a western Anatolian monument which was previously visited by countless travellers and specialists, may serve as a notable example. He never gets tired of inspecting a worn-down inscription in different lighting conditions, not even the hopeless Nişantaş rock in Boğazköy which he is about to publish shortly.

In tandem with his strenuous efforts to produce an accurate documentation of the Hieroglyphic materials, David is one of the greatest contributors to Anatolian philology, history and culture. Suffice it to mention here, as notable examples, the new interpretation of four wrongly deciphered signs in the early 1970s (in collaboration with Anna Morpurgo Davies and Günter Neumann) which brought about the elucidation of the language and the (re)unification of Cuneiform Luwian and Hieroglyphic Hittite (now Hieroglyphic Luwian); the discovery in 1975 of the signs for the negatives which had been confused with

the relatives and which suddenly made sense of countless texts; the demonstration in the 1980s of the continuity of the royal house of Bronze Age Carchemish in the Iron Age genealogy at Malatya; the decipherment of the inscription at the sacred pool complex at Boğazköy in 1995 and its Underworld connections; the refinement of western Anatolian geography in 1998 through the identification of the figure depicted at Karabel as a king of Mira. Recently he has been working on the spectacular discovery of the Aleppo citadel inscriptions and their far-reaching historical implications.

As anyone who has collaborated with David will readily confirm, he is a most generous colleague always ready to offer his expertise and cooperate in publication projects, e.g., his recent involvement in the publication of the enormous glyptic corpus from Nişantepe in Boğazköy.

## FOUNDATION FELLOWS



### Thomas Kurt Schrecker

(Ampleforth), Foundation Fellow, died on 6 May 2024 aged 92. He came up to Univ in 1952 to read History. The following notice was included on the College website.

Univ is deeply grateful to Tom and his family for his generous benefaction which supports the Schrecker-Barbour Tutorial Fellowship in Slavonic and East

European Studies. Professor Polly Jones is the current Schrecker-Barbour Fellow. Mr Schrecker also supported the annual Schrecker Dinner for undergraduate students of the College. Tom wanted to encourage discussion between

students from diverse backgrounds and academic disciplines and saw conversation over dinner as one way of doing this.

He was elected as a Foundation Fellow in 2007, an honour which is awarded to those individuals who have made exceptional benefactions to the College.

Born in 1932, Tom Schrecker was one of 669 mainly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia who were saved from the Nazis by the rescue mission of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton. He arrived in Britain in June 1939 on the fifth of eight trains. His father, a successful textile wholesaler, managed to escape later but his mother was killed in Auschwitz. Tom's sponsor and guardian in the UK was Jean Barbour, who came from a distinguished Scottish family.

Mr Schrecker was an Exhibitioner in Modern History at Univ from 1952-55. After Univ he became Export Manager for the Reader's Digest and later their Managing Director for Asia. In 1967 he moved to Australia where he founded Direct Marketing Publishing and Cosmetic companies which he later sold and retired in 1990. After 2015 he lived in his native Prague.

Mr Schrecker was interviewed for the documentaries *Silá Lidskosti (The Power of Good): Nicholas Winton* (Matej Minác, 2001), which won an Emmy Award, and *Nicky's Family* (Matej Minác, 2011).

## OLD MEMBERS

We are grateful to the families and friends of the Old Members and members of staff mentioned on the following pages for their assistance in preparing these tributes. We include Old Members whose deaths the Development Office has been able to confirm only recently when researching our list of "lost" Old Members.

We have made every effort to provide accurate accounts based on the information available but apologise sincerely for any unintentional errors contained herein.

### 1942

**Neville Smith** (King's School, Pontefract) came up to Univ in 1942. We have only recently learned through his son Robert (born 1953) that Neville Smith died in 1956, aged 33. He came up to Univ briefly to read Chemistry, but then moved to Sheffield University, where he received a doctorate in 1949. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry in 1953, and at the time of his early death was a Senior Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry at Rutherford College, Newcastle (upon Tyne). He was also a keen rugby player.

### 1943

**Allan Roy Blaza** (Normanton G.S.) died on 3 July 2024 aged 99. He came up twice to Univ, first in 1943 for the RAF short course, then to read History after the Second World War.

His son Hugh Blaza (1971, Law) kindly provided this tribute:



Allan Roy Blaza was born in Selby, Yorkshire on May 22, 1925.

He attended Normanton Grammar School and was head boy and captain of cricket there. The school's founder, John Freeston, was also a benefactor of Univ, and so there was a natural progression when in 1943 Allan came up to Univ to join the RAF short course, through which he learned to fly. In 1944, he was posted to Canada to train with the Royal Canadian Air Force in readiness for the ongoing hostilities in the eastern theatre. The war ended before he saw active service, and following demob, he returned to Oxford in 1947 where he took a degree in Modern History.

Allan filled his time at Oxford making friends, many for life, and generally enjoying all that the University had to offer. Lectures by AJP Taylor and C.T. Atkinson were interspersed with the sampling and purchasing of 78s from Drawda Hall, a stone's throw from the Porter's Lodge, scones in The Copper Kettle, cigarettes and pipe tobacco from Fribourg & Treyer, and cricket (and drinking) with the Topers.

Having taken his degree, Allan became a hospital administrator, firstly in Oxford at the Radcliffe Infirmary, and then at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge whereafter he joined the Leicester Permanent Building Society. He opened its first office there (marked by a memorable party in Univ). Eventually settling in Pontefract, Allan became an estate agent which he was to remain until his retirement.

Allan met his wife Shirley (nee Foster), a radiographer in Leeds, at a dance in Wakefield. They married at Horbury Parish Church in 1950 and enjoyed 61 years of happy marriage. Allan and Shirley had their first child, Hugh, in 1953



followed by Jane in 1955.

Through his professional work, Allan developed an interest in the local community, to which he devoted much of his time. He was a joint founder of the Pontefract Civic Society and was determined to improve the appearance of the local built environment. He was very pleased to have spent a day showing the town to John Betjeman, author of its most famous poetic tribute, "The Liquorice Fields of Pontefract".

Allan was a keen classical music enthusiast, particularly fond of the music of Schubert and Beethoven, but also 1940s jazz music. He would often attend concerts, including those in which Shirley sang. Allan would write informed and perspicacious concert reviews for the local newspaper.

Speaking about his father, Hugh added: "He loved people across the board, and he loved talking; he was a great story – teller; conversationalist and a great enthusiast for projects of all kinds. Through his career and other activities, Allan knew very many people in and around the town; an acquaintance, responding to the news he had passed away, called him 'Mr Pontefract'. Allan would have been very proud of that."

Allan leaves son Hugh, daughter Jane, five grandchildren (Amy, Eleanor and Hugo, Chloë and Nicholas) and four great grandchildren (Phineas and Sephina, Amalie, Cecilie and (posthumously) Rowan).

## 1944

**Martin Robert Monier-Williams** (Winchester College) died on 8 December 2023 aged 98. He came up to Univ in 1944 to read Law. We are grateful to his daughter, Lucinda Stafford-Deitsch, for the following tribute:

Martin attended Winchester College from 1939-1943. He spent a year in the RNVR before being invalided out in 1944 when he went up to University College, Oxford. He studied law and was a keen oarsman, rowing for the college eight.

In 1947 Martin did his articles at Monier-Williams and Keeling followed by three years at Slaughter and May. He then joined Lawrence Graham becoming a partner in 1954 and subsequently senior partner in 1979 until 1987. He was a member of the council of St John's School, Leatherhead from 1961-79 and Chairman from 1969-79.

Martin married Noel Western in 1956 and had two daughters, Lucinda b.1957 and Harriet b.1959. They lived in Chiddingfold, Surrey. Martin was a member of Kingston Rowing Club and Captain from 1950-51. He and Noel never missed the Henley Royal Regatta. He was a keen watercolourist, taking after his father and also loved fishing and walking. He and Noel shared a great interest in music having met when they were both members of the Bach Choir where they sang for many years before joining the Guildford Philharmonic. They were regular attendees at Glyndebourne, the Royal Opera House and many local concerts. They hosted musical evenings at their home well into their eighties and one of his few remaining pleasures apart from his family, at the end of his life, was listening to music on his radio.

Martin was a family man, a much-loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a loyal friend to many and a very active resident of the village of Chiddingfold where he and Noel lived for 65 years.

## 1947

**Dennis John Trevelyan CB, FRSA, FCIPD** (Enfield G.S.) died on 19 July 2024 aged 94. He came up to Univ in 1947 to read History.

## 1948

**Dr William "Bill" Lowry Howard** (University of Oklahoma) died in October 2020 aged 97. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1948 to read Chemistry.

**Michael David Neal** (Winchester) died on 10 May 2024 aged 97. He came up to Univ in 1948 to read

Modern History and to study for a Diploma in Education.

## 1949

**David Noble CBE** (Buckhurst Hill H.S.) died on 18 June 2024 aged 95. He came up to Univ in 1949 to read English.

## 1950

**Christopher DOUGLAS Mackintosh** (Eton) died on 14 January 2024 aged 92. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE). Douglas Mackintosh was a British alpine skier who competed in the men's



downhill at the 1956 Winter Olympics.

**John Michael Poole** (Aldenham) died on 7 February 2024 aged 93. He came up to Univ in 1950 to read Engineering.

## 1951

**Beverley Croft Dodd** (Munro College, Jamaica) died on 22 October 1985 aged 62. He came up to Univ in 1951 on The Oxford University Diplomatic Studies Programme (then known as the Foreign Service Programme, or FSP).

**Donald Hurndall Smith** (Sedbergh) died on 21 June 2024 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read Literae Humaniores.

**Leslie Vernon Stell** (Millfield School, Street) died on 14 November 2023 aged 92. He came up to Univ in 1951 to read History. The following is taken from the Order of Service at his Service of Celebration on 5 December 2023, and extracts are reproduced here by kind permission of his family:

Our Service is a celebration of Leslie's 92 years which began in Lodz on Monday 23rd February 1931, the only child of Lancelot and Mona. The Polish city served as a cultural and economic crossroads of central Europe and came to prominence in the mid-19th century. In Lodz was also a textile production centre and Lancelot was in charge of two wool companies.

Britain and Germany went to war for the second time in 25 years when Leslie was eight. It was decided that Leslie should stay with an Uncle and Aunt in Lancelot's native Yorkshire before

becoming a Boarder at the then newly founded Millfield Independent School in Street, Somerset.

A gap year followed at the Sorbonne University in Paris, and with its Motto in English "Creators of futures since 1257". What an experience it must have been for Leslie as Europe settled down post war; and then he was off to study History at University College, Oxford.

It was there that Leslie first met a young lady from South Africa, Dinah Parfitt who was in the city to visit her half-brother Martin, who was a friend to Leslie. As the winds of change blew through many continents, the Government had retained the National Service Act whereby fit young males like Leslie were required to serve the Crown and he was sent off to Munster. As a young Subaltern with the 14th/20th Kings Hussars he was required to learn to ride, however the horse allocated didn't like him, and the feeling was mutual. Luckily Leslie could ski, so he spent time teaching soldiers in the regiment to ski.

Following service to our country, Leslie returned to London and joined Jaeger, with whom he stayed until 1968. At his side his beloved Dinah, whom he married on the 15th December 1962, and their sons Richard and David, who were born in London.

55 years ago the young family moved to South Africa, Dinah's homeland, and where she trained as an Architect; Leslie settled into his role with the large clothing retailer Truworths. Daughter Carol was born in South Africa in 1970 and in 1975 Leslie began a new life in industrial fabrics, located in the seaside resort of Youghal in southern Ireland with a regular commute of 30 miles to Cork. Leslie went on to the Switzers,



the Department Store bought by House of Fraser and Waterford Glass in 1971, before retiring to the Isle of Man.

Of all that Leslie achieved in his life, he was tremendously proud of becoming a Citizen and Salter of London when he was 30, eventually Master of the Salter's Company in 1996/7 and along with a fellow Salter and Lord Mayor of London instigated many donations to Alms-houses and assorted charities.

More than anything, Leslie was proud of his family; he and Dinah welcoming into the family Jackie, Shannon and Bill, and grandchildren Ben, Keah, Connor, Mya and Nelson.



Ardingly College. During WWII, he volunteered to pick potatoes at a local farm instead of attending classes. As a young man he hauled logs with a mule team. He served in the British Army and spent time in Berlin in the early 50s before attending University College Oxford earning a master's degree in English in spring 1954.

In the fall, John traveled to the United States to teach at the Graham-Eckes School in Palm Beach, Florida. During the summer break, he bought a pre-owned Jaguar MK IV and proceeded to drive across the USA. He ran out of money in Kansas City and began waiting tables at the

upscale Putsch's 210 restaurant where he met a group of lunching ladies from North Texas.

This connection led to a teaching position in the English department at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas for the fall of 1955.

At that time, a small group of Denton parents aspired to start a private K-12 school for their children. When they learned of an Oxford-educated Brit in North Texas, which was unique for the time, they approached John about establishing a school in the English tradition. Naively, the 25-year-old John agreed, and with a \$100 loan from First State Bank of Denton, he rented a prairie-style building on Oakland Street near the Texas Woman's University (TWU) campus. There, Denton Preparatory School was founded in the fall of 1957.

The ethos of the school provided students with opportunities to excel in many ways. John believed education outside the classroom was as valuable as the traditional college prep done inside the classroom. Much of the curriculum involved outdoor activities including Saturday morning

## 1952

**Frederick Rawdon Dalrymple AO** (Sydney University) died on 29 September 2023 aged 92. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1952 to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

**John Dempster Doncaster** (Ardingly) died on 18 November 2023 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1952 to read English. An obituary was published in the *Denton Record-Chronicle* on 26 December 2023 and extracts are reproduced here by kind permission:

John D. Doncaster, also known as JD, founding headmaster of the Selwyn School in Denton, Texas, died peacefully on November 18, days before turning 92 surrounded by his family in London, England.

John was born in Macclesfield, England, to Clarence Doncaster, a decorated WWI veteran, and Honor Collins. He grew up on a small farm. He attended the King's School Macclesfield, then

projects where students, faculty, and staff worked together to build patios, sidewalks, gardens, and many other campus improvement projects.

In 1991, John and his wife, Robin, retired to Maine where they spent many years. He was an avid walker and led walking tours in Maine, France, Scotland, and England. John created his own expeditions with friends in Switzerland, Spain, Cuba, Nepal, and more. Upon Robin's death from cancer in 2012, John returned to England where he spent his remaining years.

In 2017, the Selwyn School relocated to Argyle, Texas, and is thriving with the same goals of student success and spirit of experiential education John implemented more than 66 years ago.

Robin, his wife of 47 years, preceded him in death. He is survived by his children Peter Doncaster (Kelley Hanger) of Dallas; Mellen and Susan West of Dallas; Angela West (Roger Noble) of Seal Cove, Maine; nephew Charles Sandy (Emma), nieces Helen Donovan (Patrick) and Ruth Brown (Edward), all of England; and granddaughter Amelia Mosby of Lynchburg, VA.

### **Arthur Buchanan Spottiswoode Weir**

(Shrewsbury) died on 2 June 2024 aged 91. He came up to Univ in 1952 to read Law. Mr Weir was a Second Lieutenant in the Territorial Army in 1955.

## **1953**

**Dr John Nicholson Gardner** (Campbell College) died on 28 July 2023 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1953 to read Chemistry. His nephew, Anthony Gardner, kindly sent us the following tribute:

John was brought up in Belfast and had vivid

memories of the German air raids of 1941, which targeted the Harland & Wolff shipyards two miles from his home. "I remember bombs falling around the house and going outside after a raid to find a significant crater in the potato patch," he wrote. He and his brother Michael were evacuated to Portrush, where they remained for the next two years.

Science was his passion from an early age. He much enjoyed his time at Univ, particularly early mornings spent coxing on the river. Though not a committed partygoer, he remembered visiting a friend at Swansea University and being taken along to celebrate the publication of a lecturer's novel. The lecturer was Kingsley Amis and the novel was *Lucky Jim*.

After taking a First he went into the pharmaceutical industry and in 1962 emigrated to the US – earning the disapproval of an elderly relative who accused him of betraying the British Empire. There he worked for major corporations such as Hoffman La Roche and Johnson & Johnson, on projects ranging from anti-depressants to the preparation of magnesium acetylene complex and its use in preparing ethynyl carbinols.

He retired to Virginia with his second wife, Harriet, with whom he travelled widely. His enthusiasms included opera, family history, woodwork and collie dogs. He retained a wry sense of humour and remained active, returning to Univ for reunions until well into his eighties. He died while swimming off the coast of Maine.

**Michael Scaife** (Manchester G.S.) died on 30 March 2024 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1953 to read History.

Michael gave the College archives a remarkable collection of ephemera from his Univ

years, including over 100 concert programmes, which shed invaluable light on Oxford musical life from this time.

## 1954

**Ian West Fotheringham TD** (Tonbridge) died on 11 November 2023 aged 95. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

**Carl Robin Ganz** died on 16 October 2023 aged 90. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read English and Oriental Studies.

**Maurice Trevor Hynett** (Handsworth G.S.) died on 16 February 2024 aged 87. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read Maths, before changing to Engineering.

**Paul Simmons** (Ratcliffe College, Leicester) died on 21 October 2023 aged 88. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read Chemistry.

**Julian Siegmund “Stephen” Walker** (Midhurst G.S.) died on 20 May 2022 aged 87. He came up to Univ in 1954 to read Psychology, Philosophy and Physiology (PPP). We are grateful to Stephen’s wife, Susan E Holland, who provided the following tribute:

Stephen was born in Banbury, the eldest of six children, with one brother and four sisters. Both Stephen’s parents were musicians, and his grandfather was Professor of Music at Goldsmiths, University of London. The family moved many times during Stephen’s childhood. His father was a conscientious objector, and during the war was sent to do farm work at High Fold farm near Pateley Bridge in Yorkshire.

Other addresses were in Kent, and on the North Downs where Stephen’s lifelong love of butterflies started.

After his time at University College, Oxford, Stephen married Madeleine, with whom he had a son, Tim. They lived in rural Shropshire and Stephen worked through his 20s in a steel factory, Sankeys, where he was responsible for supplies of sheet steel.

After separation from Madeleine, Stephen moved to London, and studied for two Master of Science degrees, in mathematical number theory, and in mathematical probability, from the Polytechnic of North London and from the University of London. Stephen then worked in a related field of research at the Polytechnic of Central London, designing a search tool to facilitate public access to a university library system. The prototype was called “Okapi”. It excelled for many years in comparative worldwide trials. The research results were published as “Designing an online public access catalogue” (British Library, 1985). Stephen went on to co-author many other reports and papers still frequently cited today.

In 1989, Stephen moved to the Information Science Department at City University, London, to its Centre for Interactive Systems Research, where he was Research Fellow.

The last five years of Stephen’s working life were at Microsoft Research, Cambridge, until he retired in February 2003.

Stephen met Susan Holland in London in 1989, and they later married and moved to Kintyre in Scotland. Stephen lived there for the rest of his life.

Very widely read, with a huge general knowledge, Stephen was kind and gentle with a dry and sharp sense of humour. Stephen and



Susan did a good deal of walking, and recorded plants, birds and insects. Stephen could “turn his hand to” (his phrase) many things: he gardened and did joinery and cooking. Stephen was the first reader of Susan’s poems, some later prize winning, sadly too late for Stephen to see happen. He was a loving stepfather to Susan’s daughter Lee (now a professional flute player) whose talent Stephen fostered.

He is greatly missed in our family.

## 1955

**Dr James “Jim” Harvie Crocket** (University of New Brunswick) died on 22 December 2020 aged 88. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1955 to read Geology.

**Peter Herrick** (Watford G.S.) died in February 2024 aged 86. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Physics.

**David Sydney King** (Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon) died in 1963 aged 29. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

**Professor Ronald Keith Stamper** (West Bridgford G.S.) died on 1 April 2024 aged 89. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Maths.

We were informed of the death of **Charles MICHAEL Wigan** (Radley) in March 2024. He came up to Univ in 1955 to read Maths.

## 1956

**Professor Frank MURRAY Edmund Greenwood** (Bishop’s University, Lennoxville) died on 15 December 2000 aged 65. He came up to Univ in 1956 to read History.

## 1958

**Professor Patrick Wyndham Hanks** (Ardingly) died on 1 February 2024 aged 83. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read English.

Michael Proffitt, the Chief Editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, wrote the following tribute:

Patrick was a pre-eminent force in lexicography and linguistics for more than half a century, with a series of pioneering projects to his name, starting with two landmark titles: *Collins English Dictionary* (1979) and the learners’ *Could English Language Dictionary* (1987). As a corpus linguist he was a one of the main architects of the British National Corpus, and his prolific research, writing, and innovation in this field continued, most recently in his ongoing project to create the *Pattern Dictionary of English Verbs*. Patrick also authored and co-authored (often with Flavia Hodges) several definitive dictionaries of personal names, notably *A Dictionary of Surnames* (1988), *The Oxford Dictionary of First Names* (1990) and the 3-volume *Dictionary of American Family Names* (2003).

In his decade at OUP (1990-2000) Patrick, alongside Judy Pearsall, conceived and created the *New Oxford Dictionary of English* (1998, now known as ODE), Oxford’s first Corpus-based dictionary and a milestone in synchronic lexicography – still to this day the leading dictionary of current English worldwide and now also the cornerstone of Oxford Languages’ licensing business. He also conceived and edited



the accompanying *New Oxford Thesaurus of English* (2000). Patrick drew on his linguistics background and his experience with Cobuild to revolutionize the way editors approached writing a dictionary entry. He stressed the importance of looking at corpus evidence, focusing on typical usage rather than “outliers”, and analysing collocational patterns. By embedding those as core principles, his influence continues today in work across Oxford Languages.

Patrick was a force of nature, a powerful intellect, a mentor to many across the publishing and research communities, and – to those who knew and worked with him – immensely good company. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

**Dr Lloyd Albert Higgs** (University of New Brunswick) died on 20 July 2020 aged 83. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read Physics.

### **Professor Ashley Beresford**

**Price** (University College School, Hampstead) died on 5 July 2023 aged 84. He came up to Univ in 1958 to read medicine and later specialised in pathology holding a personal chair in Gastrointestinal Pathology at Imperial College School of Medicine. David Squire (1967, Physics) has kindly provided the following tribute:

Ashley was born in London on 2 July 1939 into an Irish-Jewish family, his father, Morris Price, a GP, having moved to England in the late 1920s for professional reasons. His mother Gertrude (“Gyp”) Price (née White), whose family ran a chain of shoe shops in Ireland, retained a strong connection with Dublin and often took Ashley and his elder brother, Stanley

(author and playwright), there.

Ashley attended University College School from 1952 to 1958 and studied at St Mary’s Hospital Medical School after Oxford. Having decided to specialise in pathology, he then became a research fellow at St Mark’s (the National Bowel Hospital) before being appointed consultant pathologist and head of the Department of Cellular Pathology at the recently opened Northwick Park Hospital which was a post he held until just before his retirement from the NHS in 2003.

Professor Price made two particularly significant contributions to gastro-intestinal pathology. One concerned *Helicobacter pylori* and its relationship to peptic ulceration and the other was the cause of pseudomembranous colitis. As his research became increasingly internationally renowned, he was much in demand as a visiting lecturer worldwide not least because his ready wit, memorable phraseology and wide store of amusing anecdotes could be guaranteed to enliven any session.

He authored and co-authored many influential papers and books. His last book was the 4th edition of *Morson and Dawson’s Gastrointestinal Pathology* which was awarded the Society of Authors prize for the best new edition of a multi-author medical textbook in 2002.

Undergraduate and post-graduate education was also an abiding concern of his. He was director of Clinical Studies for Imperial College for those undergraduates attending the Northwick Park campus, ran workshops on histopathology, chaired regional training committees and was an examiner for the Royal College of Pathologists. He was also a Council



member of the Royal College from 1996 to 1999 and was president of the Pathology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1999.

In 1976 Ashley Price married Dr Judith Wilson, a consultant paediatrician, and they lived in Ealing with a second home at Studland, Dorset set in countryside that he and Judith loved. They had two daughters, both doctors, and three grandsons. In the 1970s he bought a sailing cruiser, reputedly with money from damages awarded after a balcony, on which he had been standing, collapsed. Judith claims that their honeymoon in Bosham was spent scraping and repainting the hull and afterwards her enthusiasm for sailing the south coast never quite matched his. Ashley ran an early New York marathon and played squash and golf socially.

Despite his outstanding professional career, Ashley was a modest man with his own brand of self-deprecating humour. To his wide family and many friends, Ashley was just charming, warm-hearted and incredibly good company.

**Professor Harold Harvey Rotman** (University of Toronto) died on 22 February 2023 aged 88. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1958 to read Physiology.

## 1959

**Ralph Robert Alford** (Douai School) died on 20 July 2024 aged 84. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read Oriental Studies. Philip Couzens has kindly written the following tribute:

We remember Ralph in his jacket and Univ tie, trying to look stern below those distinctive

eyebrows, speaking with an impeccable Oxford accent. His great great grandmother married Augustus Pugin, and his father was a colonial administrator and Governor of St Helena from

1958-62. He boarded from an early age at The Dragon and Douai School, following his father to Univ to read Oriental Studies (Arabic and Persian), on occasion being asked if he wanted to become a spy.

After teaching in Jeddah, he took a PGCE as one of the early students of Churchill College, Cambridge and later in life gained a science degree from the

Open University. He would deride the label "lifelong learner" but he was exactly that. An incessant reader, effortlessly absorbing learning, he had an encyclopaedic knowledge of history, art and literature as well as facility in languages including Latin, Greek, French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, German and Japanese. He travelled the world from an early age, often on his own.

His teaching career was at Oundle School. A notionally strict old-style teacher, Ralph believed in traditional learning: he made pupils learn Grey's *Elegy* by heart. Camping on Thetford Chase with the scouts did not suit him, so he chose to run the RAF Section instead, taking in his stride what younger military types seemed to make a fuss about. When sent careful briefing papers about warm clothing, walking boots and first aid equipment for a hike in the Brecon Beacons, his view was "It's all right, I'll wear my blazer and brogues."

**Dr Roger Robertson Harding FGA** (Campbell College, Belfast, Northern Ireland) died on 26 January 2024 aged 85. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read Geology. Nigel Israel FSA FGA DGA



has kindly provided the following obituary:

Roger was born in Ulster. He was educated at Arnold School, Blackpool, Campbell College, and then at Queen's University Belfast. He completed a DPhil at University College, Oxford between 1959 and 1962, "Studies in the tertiary igneous intrusions of St Kilda". While at Oxford he was apparently well known in the JCR and played Hockey for the College in 1959/60, 60/61 and 61/62 (in 60/61 the team won the Intercollegiate Cup), and for what seems to be the Oxford 2nd team.

He moved to Canberra in 1962 to the Geology Bureau of Mineral Resources and was with a geological mapping party that was camped at an old gold mine outside Tennant Creek, where they all spent their spare time panning for gold (apparently not very productively). Several of his BMR papers are online.

In 1968 he returned to the UK. He joined the NERC Isotope Geology Unit of the Institute of Geological Sciences, and in the early 70s moved to the Petrology Unit in Exhibition Road. He worked on many projects, and by strange coincidence became the leader of the geological mapping of St Kilda by Petrology Unit Members. The Institute owned the Geological Museum in Exhibition Road, and he developed an interest in gemmology under the expert guidance of Alan Jobbins, becoming qualified as a FGA, and then a GA examiner. He was heavily involved in the Geological Museum's *Treasures of the Earth* exhibition and explained some of the exhibits to Princess Margaret at the opening on the afternoon of 10th October 1985.

In 1985 the British Geological Survey (as the Institute had become in 1984) moved to Keyworth, and, very controversially, gave the Geological Museum, with the collections and

staff, to the Natural History Museum, where Roger became curator of gemstones.

In the late 80s the Gemmological Association merged with the Gem Testing Laboratory, and Roger was offered the position of Director of Gemmology. He originally refused, feeling that gemmology needed to be maintained at the NHM. However, shortly afterwards there was a suggestion that the NHM would abandon gemmology (it didn't happen), and Roger might be made redundant. He then did move to the GA, where among other things he edited the *Journal of Gemmology* and *Gems & Jewellery*. He retired from the GA in 2005 but continued to edit the Journal for a number of years.

Roger took part, together with Alan Jobbins and Ken Scarratt, in the first ever detailed gemmological examination of the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London. This provided a major part of the magnificent two volume catalogue raisonné of the Crown Jewels, that was finally published in 1998.

Roger married Joanna, who was somewhat older than him, and acquired two stepdaughters, Linda and Jane. Joanna was rather flamboyant, very different from Roger, and ran a very posh antiques franchise in Harrods. She had been an interior designer in Denmark and they moved house every few years having done major refurbishments. Eventually they took a National Trust lease on the very grand Avebury Manor. The intention was, Roger said, that the lease would be passed down through the family. That, however, did not happen, and they finally moved to a smaller property, where Joanna predeceased Roger.



**Martin John Hill** (Cranbrook) died on 6 February 2024 aged 82. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read Maths.

**Dr David Ernest Jeal** (Christ's Hospital) died on 13 September 2016 aged 76. He came up to Univ in 1959 to read Medicine.

We were informed by Andrew Macdonald Powney (1989, History) that his father **Derek John Powney** (Bournemouth School) died of leukaemia in Edinburgh on 22 April 2024 aged 83, his son holding him. Derek Powney came up to Univ in 1959 to read Physics. He did postgraduate work on phonon spectroscopy after Univ. Becoming the successful headmaster of a state school in Havering for 13 years, he was ordained an Anglican priest; then he converted to Catholicism and was a Roman Catholic priest for 23 years. His wife predeceased him in 2014, and two sons survive him. Mass was said in Edinburgh by His Grace Leo, Archbishop Cushley, on 16th May. His ashes have been interred with his wife's at Mount Vernon, Edinburgh.



*The photograph shows Derek Powney (on the left) with Stephen Hawking and Gordon Berry.*

## 1960

**John Anthony Bush** died on 8 October 2023 aged 82. He came up to Univ in 1960 to read Law.

**Ian Donald Spey** (Sebright) died on 29 February 2024 aged 82. He came up to Univ in 1960 to read Maths.

## 1961

**Dr John Michael Compton** (Ampleforth College) died on 7 March 2024 aged 80. He came up to Univ in 1961 to read History.

**Robert "Bob" Homan Craft** (Princeton) died on 15 March 2024 aged 84. He came up to Univ in 1961 to read Law. An obituary was published on the *New York Times* website on 7 April 2024 and can be viewed on the legacy.com website.

**Professor Richard Burleson Stewart** (Yale) died on 3 November 2023 aged 83. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1961 to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

**Julian Max Towler** (Merchant Taylors) died on 8 March 2024 aged 81. He came up to Univ in 1961 to read Medicine. We are grateful to his daughter, Kate Towler, for the following tribute:

Mr Towler studied medicine at Oxford University and progressed to specialise as a consultant urological surgeon. He worked for over 40 years in the NHS and remained passionate, pioneering new techniques and revolutionary treatments in the trust in which he worked. He was described as a very special and unique person and left a lasting legacy from his beautiful and purposeful life.

He was a passionate sportsman, his main love being cricket. He was a solid opening batsman, wicket keeper and occasional bowler. Music was also a great source of joy to him, playing the

oboe and violin in the orchestra.

He was devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be deeply missed by us all. Rest in Peace.

## 1962

**Philip Rodway Bushill-Matthews** (Malvern College) died on 10 December 2023 aged 80. He came up to Univ in 1962 to read English. His daughter Lucy Bushill-Matthews has kindly supplied this tribute:

At Oxford, Philip became President of the O.U. Broadcasting Society, and Secretary of the O.U. Dramatic Society (OUDS) in succession to Michael York, with whom he acted in Braham Murray's touring productions of *A Man for All Seasons* and Ionesco's *Rhinoceros*.

After 50 years, he went back for a Golden Reunion at Univ, and made the following contribution, giving a good insight into his colourful character:

**Most memorable/fondest memory of Univ?**

Finding a quick way to get to St Hugh's;

**Awkward moments at Univ?** Finding a fellow Univ man had a quicker way to get to St Hugh's.

**The most important thing I learnt?** How to act all the time.

**Most important thing you wish you had learnt at Oxford?** How not to act all the time.

**Proudest achievement of my career?** Writing two books about the EU and selling all 1000 copies of each within 6 months. *The Gravy Train*, and *Who rules Britannia?*

**Lowest point in my life?** Finding that most of the copies sold later reappeared as available second hand at Amazon, priced at 1p each (excl

postage). Then succumbing to popular request from loyal party members that I should not write a third book.

After graduating, he joined Unilever as a Graduate Trainee, spending much of his career at Birds Eye, becoming the youngest director of Birds Eye Wall's Ltd in 1981 at the age of 38. Overall, he spent some thirty years in food manufacturing, running businesses in the UK, Portugal and the Netherlands. Unhappy about the general lack of business experience among politicians from all parties, he decided

to enter politics himself and was elected to the European Parliament representing his home region of the West Midlands in 1999. He was then re-elected for a second five-year term in 2004, this time as head of the Conservative regional list. In addition to his position as MEP, he was a former leader of the Conservative group in Brussels. He stood down as MEP in June 2009.

In 2011 he was appointed a non-executive director of the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust and elected vice-chairman in 2012. He briefly came out of political retirement in 2016 to campaign for Remain during the 2016 referendum.

Despite his previous comments, he did go on to write a third book, albeit not a political one: called *The Eras of La Gomera*, it was about the history and archaeology of that island. He wrote this after achieving a First Class Honours in Archaeology, which he finished when he was 72.

He died after a long illness in Coventry, on 10 December 2023, at the age of 80.

He leaves behind Angela, his loving wife of 56 years, three children – Julie, a banker, Lucy



a charity advisor, and Will, a lawyer – and eight grandchildren.

We were informed of the death of **Dr Richard “Dick” Martin Hyde** (Whitgift) in July 2024. He came up to Univ in 1962 to read Chemistry.

## 1963

We were informed of the death of **Roy Lawrence Andrew Enfield** (Brighton College) in 2024. He came up to Univ in 1963 to read Philosophy.

**Timothy “Tim” Edward Odoire** (St Edward's School) died on 22 September 2023 aged 78. He came up to Univ in 1963 to read Jurisprudence.

## 1964

**David Stephen Totterdell** (Bristol G.S.) died on 30 July 2023 aged 77. He came up to Univ in 1964 to read Chemistry.

**Dr John Bransby Zachary FRCR** (Ratcliffe College) died on 29 June 2023 aged 77. He came up to Univ in 1964 to read Medicine and Physics.

## 1965

**Trevor John Sidwell** (King Edward VI School, Nuneaton) died on 9 August 2023 aged 76. He came up to Univ in 1965 to read History. Trevor won an Open Exhibition. He was a Senior Partner at Kerwood's Solicitors, Redditch.

## 1967

**Martin Eastale** (Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.) died on 18 March 2024 aged 76. He came up to Univ in 1967 to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), for which he achieved First Class Honours. His daughter Sophie Eastale has kindly supplied this tribute:

Martin Eastale was at Univ at the same time as President Bill Clinton. After graduating in 1970, he held positions at the Treasury in the Civil Service and PA Management Consulting, with substantive roles as General Manager of Harlow Council, Essex and CEO of Chelmsford Borough Council, Essex. In the mid-1990s, the

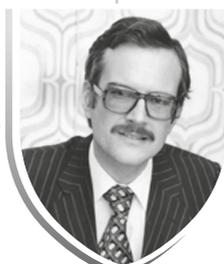
European Union was sending a team of experts to monitor the first free elections in South Africa. With his experience as a Returning Officer at the council, Martin was chosen to be a member of the team and was allocated the Orange Free State. His duties included visiting as many polling stations and meeting as many election officials as possible, in order the gauge

whether the arrangements were adequate and the election itself was “free and fair”. During his time, he got to meet President Nelson Mandela who thanked Martin most graciously for assisting in what he called the “task of nation-building.”

Martin lost his wife Barbara in 2022, having celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. They travelled together extensively during their marriage.

He is survived by his two daughters, Susie and Sophie, and Susie's children James and Ella.

*The photograph is from his PA Consulting days.*



**Peter Francis Arnold Knowles CB** died in January 2024 aged 74. He came up to Univ in 1967 to read Law.

**David JOHN Rigby** (Wolstanton C.G.S.) died on 28 February 2024 aged 76. He came up to Univ in 1967 to read Maths and to study for a Diploma in Education. We are grateful to his niece, Kathryn Moore, for the following tribute:

David John Rigby, known to all as John, was born in 1948 in Kidsgrove, North Staffordshire, to Isabel and David Rigby, a younger brother to Ann. He won a scholarship to Wolstanton Grammar School in Newcastle-under-Lyme, before going on to study Mathematics at University College.

John initially became a teacher at Ecclesbourne School in Derbyshire, but soon concluded that teaching wasn't for him and retrained as a quantity surveyor. Announcing to his family one day, with typical understatement, "I'm going to London", John moved to Ilford in Essex and embarked on his new career with Covent Garden firm Crosher & James (later Dearle & Henderson). He was to remain with the same employer, through various changes of management and ownership, for over forty years. He was highly respected by his colleagues for his unassuming manner and technical competence.

For many years, John was an active member of Ilford Spiritualist Church, turning his hand to everything from serving as President and Treasurer, to making tea and giving lifts to elderly members without transport, and was described as "a perfect gentleman" by those who knew him there. He was an avid puzzler, a keen gardener and a long-term supporter of the National Trust.

A quiet, self-effacing man, John never married but was a kind, thoughtful son, brother, uncle and friend who will be much missed. He passed away in King George's Hospital, Ilford, on 28th February 2024 at the age of 76.

## 1968

**Professor Christopher John Kent Bulstrode CBE** (Radley) died on 7 December 2023 aged 72. He came up to Univ in 1968 to read Medicine and switched to Zoology in Trinity Term 1969.

He subsequently studied Clinical Medicine at Cambridge and at the Radcliffe Infirmary from 1971 to 1976. According to College records, he won the Brian Johnson Prize in Pathology in 1975.

The following is an extract from a tribute published on the Green Templeton College website on 18 December 2023, and is reproduced

here by kind permission of Professor Bulstrode's family and Green Templeton College, University of Oxford:

The college has learned of the death of Emeritus Fellow Professor Christopher Bulstrode CBE.

Christopher was elected to the fellowship of then-Green College starting in 1986 and joined Governing Body in 1987. He became an Emeritus Fellow when he took early retirement from the university in 2011. Christopher was Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the university and a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the John Radcliffe Hospital and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre from 1982 until his retirement in 2010.

He had studied Zoology at Oxford, then preclinical medicine in Cambridge, and returned



to Oxford to complete his clinical studies. Along the way he was variously implicated in the overnight appearance of giant black footprints up and down the Tower of the Winds, and in overnight rearrangement of the city's one-way traffic signs to generate an inescapable loop.

Christopher was appointed Commander of the British Empire (CBE) for services to humanitarian medicine in 2016. He was honoured for his work with Doctors of the world, which provides medical care to people affected by war, natural disasters, disease, hunger, poverty or exclusion around the world.

Commenting on his recognition at the time, Christopher said,

'Getting involved in humanitarian aid work is the dream for many of us doctors and nurses. It has been an honour to contribute what I can. Certainly, helping those less well off than ourselves, especially when war or disaster has struck, feels like one of the most useful things that we can do.'

Christopher was an enthusiastic supporter of the college, where he is remembered as an individual passionate and committed to his endeavours. He served in many roles, including chair of the Library Sub-committee.

Associate Fellow Lindy Castell recalls her time as a hip-replacement patient of Christopher's,

'In 2003, Chris Bulstrode undertook a hip replacement operation on me. I well remember him saying that, rather than a modern technique, he proposed to use an old tried and trusted prosthesis method. I am so glad he did, as I have never had a problem with my hip in the 20 years since he performed the operation.

'I also remember with affection when Chris and my college dinner guest (recently back from Kenya) talked enthusiastically in Swahili – there was a lot of laughter!'

**The Reverend Hugh William Dawes** (Brighton, Hove & Sussex G.S.) died on 7 February 2024 aged 75. This tribute was prepared by Reverend Jonathan Andrew (1969, Physics) based on material provided by Hugh's widow Jill Sandham, and by other Old Members.

Hugh read history at Univ as an Exhibitioner and was a leading light in the Chapel congregation and at Pusey House. Tony Mason (1969, Chemistry) remembers Hugh keeping him up to standard on the organ bench in Chapel and Grant Lawrence (1968, Law, and now an Ordained Minister in the Church of Scotland) recalls some "lively" theological discussions over supper in Hall!

After Univ, Hugh prepared for Anglican priesthood at Cuddesdon and then, after a curacy, he served as Chaplain of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. There he developed great respect for Geoffrey Lampe, Regius Professor of Divinity, a forward thinker in theology and church practice who helped Hugh move forward to a more honest and radical understanding of faith. In 1982 Hugh became Chaplain of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, when Don Cupitt the Dean was filming the television series *Sea of Faith*. Cupitt became a major influence and a lifelong friend.

Hugh's increasing embrace of radical faith drew him to encourage a new generation of free-thinking believers. Committed strongly to theological education of the laity, he abhorred the tendency of clergy to talk down to their congregations! In 1987 he was appointed vicar of the parish of St James's, Cambridge and Director of the Focus Christian Institute.

In 1992 Hugh published *Freeing the Faith: A Credible Christianity for Today*. This plea for a liberal understanding of faith, advocated radical change to set it free from the tyranny of a tradition no longer



credible. He was savagely attacked in the press by traditionalists, who called on him to resign his orders. *The Independent* carried the story of the "atheist priest".

Hugh braved the storm and proclaimed himself a catholic modernist priest, with no intention of resigning. His was a prophetic voice, often crying in the wilderness and his book put an end to any possibility of career preference in the Church of England.

Nevertheless, in 2000 Hugh was appointed vicar at St Faith's, North Dulwich, where he continued his pastoral ministry. Gifted in making eucharistic worship relevant, inspiring and integral to the world outside church, he enabled people to express doubts and ask questions, never giving facile answers. Hugh and Jill, a social worker and member of his congregation, were married in 2004; their marriage was a blessing for them both.

Hugh was an excellent orator, called upon to give lectures in Britain, France, and the US. In 2003 he set up Progressive Christianity Network Britain, providing a forum for honest theological exploration by laity and clergy without fear of being judged as heretical. In addition to publishing articles in several journals, he edited the magazine, *Progressive Voices*.

Despite developing signs of Parkinsonism, which subsequently developed into advanced dementia, Hugh continued ministry in Guildford Diocese from 2009 to 2018. He participated in eucharistic worship until his death, when he could find few words in any other context.

Hugh was a radical priest, a gentle pastor and a humorous, supportive friend. His interest in social history and the lives of ordinary people



informed his social conscience, and he saw theology through the lens of history. He was a lifelong member of the Labour party and in 2002 stood as a councillor in Dulwich. He is remembered by Jill, her three children, four grandchildren, his brother and the many whose lives he touched in his quietly brave, "faithful to truth" life.

**Jan Hemanus "Herman" Perold** (Stellenbosch) died in October 2023 aged 79. He came up to Univ as a Rhodes Scholar in 1968 to read for a DPhil in Biochemistry.

## 1970

**Professor Raymond Fitzpatrick** (Southend H.S.) died on 4 April 2024 aged 73. He came up to Univ in 1970 to read Biochemistry. A tribute was published on the *Oxford Population Health* website in April 2024 and is reproduced here with kind permission.

A visionary researcher who made significant contributions to health services research.

Ray Fitzpatrick started his career at the medical schools of St Bartholomew's Hospital and Middlesex Hospital. He came to the University of Oxford in 1986 as a lecturer with a fellowship at Nuffield College, and was Professor of Public Health and Primary Care from 1996.

He went on to serve two periods as Head of the former Department of Public Health, and served as one of the longest-standing Deans in Nuffield College's history.

Throughout his career, Ray demonstrated a strong commitment to interdisciplinary and collaborative research. His work on patient



reported outcomes transformed both academic discussions and medical practice.

Ray's expertise and leadership extended beyond the University, as he served on the Medical Research Council for 15 years and chaired its Public Health and Health Services Research Board. He also worked with Arthritis Research UK on its Scientific Advisory Committee, as well as serving as Deputy Director of the Department of Health and Social Care's Quality Safety and Outcomes Policy Research Unit.

Ray was the National Programme Director for the National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR)'s Health Services and Delivery research, and led the 'Improving Health and Social Care' theme of the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration Oxford and Thames Valley.

Head of Department, Professor Sir Rory Collins, said "Ray played a key role in the leadership of the Department of Public Health, and was a great supporter of the new department. He also made important contributions to health services research, with a particular focus on assessments of the patient experience of treatments."

## 1971

**Timothy John Robert Shawcross** (Eton) died on 27 August 2022 aged 69. He came up to Univ in 1971 to read English.

## 1974

**Alan Richard Brown** (Alley's School) died on 3 October 2023 aged 68. He came up to Univ in 1974 to read English.

## 1975

**The Reverend Christopher William Pearson** (Bede Sixth Form College) died on 29 August 2023 aged 66. He came up to Univ in 1975 to read Psychology.

## 1977

**Jonathan David Wallace Cooper** (Tonbridge) died in March 2024 aged 65. He came up to

Univ in 1977 to read Psychology. We are grateful to Jim Adlington (1977, Engineering) for the following tribute:

Jonathan took from Oxford a psychology degree that reflected his observant and analytical approach to life, and a love of rowing and sailing that gave him and those who knew and loved him many enjoyable days and enduring memories.

After Oxford came Sandhurst, and the demanding short course for university entrants. Jonathan later recalled that his reading a copy of Clausewitz, a gift from one of his college friends, was regarded with grave suspicion by the military authorities.

He was posted to 1st Armoured Division, serving mainly in Germany, and attained the rank of Captain. His interest in geo-politics and observations while on military service caused him to predict with accuracy the 1990s Balkans wars. As an ex-soldier Jonathan brought foresight and practical solutions to any eventuality. It also



honed his skills as a teacher, which he used to great effect in later life.

Jonathan subsequently joined IBM and throughout a long and demanding career in management consultancy travelled extensively – though as he observed not always to glamorous destinations, describing visits to Stockholm industrial estates with characteristic gentle humour. Jonathan was always polite, thoughtful and respectful, and although often quiet and understated, he was nonetheless always extremely sharp and diligent. He could also be delightfully subversive, presenting a provocative observation with his measured and serious demeanor, enjoying the reaction before a broad grin would finally light up his face, as he let his audience in on the joke. His sense of whimsy also broke-through in unexpected places, for example producing night vision goggles on a midnight stroll through Windsor Great Park.

His famous brandy champagne cocktails and his even more infamous flaming sambucas, served at the end of well-cooked meals, reflect facets of Jonathan's hospitality recalled with deep affection by those who knew him.

Other than sailing, Jonathan's main social and sporting activity was rowing, centred on Stratford-upon-Avon boat club, where he had the idea of helping, among his many other crews, to also coach actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company, whose theatre was on the other side of the river. This opened up new horizons for both club and company and active participation in many memorable post-performance celebrations with the cast. Beyond his interest in theatre, Jonathan had an unexpected passion for salsa, which he took with him on moving to Windsor.

Coming from a very close family, in recent

years Jonathan unstintingly spent much time caring for his mother, selflessly putting on hold plans to develop a management consultancy business.

**Jonathan Mark Harrop** (Harrogate Granby G.S.) died on 6 October 2023 aged 65. He came up to Univ in 1977 to read Jurisprudence. Mark Sykes (1977, PPE) has written the following obituary with the aid of Jon's wife Janet:

Jon came up to Univ in 1977 to read Law and I met him on our first day as we both had rooms in 90 High Street. Although he was born in Perivale he had grown up in Leeds and counted himself a proud Yorkshireman. Jon had a keen intelligence, an interest in a wide range of subjects, a dry wit and a precision of speech, the latter a requisite for a lawyer.

Aside from academic studies Jon enjoyed playing badminton and tried rowing although he admitted the early mornings were not for him. He enjoyed a wide range of music, and we went to many gigs including, rather surprisingly, Siouxsie and the Banshees at Exeter College. He influenced my musical tastes greatly, giving me a lifelong love of Talking Heads. He loved cinema and we regularly shared our reviews of films over a pint or two.

Jon started his legal career in London as a Property lawyer at Clifford Turner (now Clifford Chance) where he met his wife Janet, and later worked in Yorkshire and Ipswich for Eversheds. Jon and Janet had three sons, Ben, Matt and Josh.

Unfortunately, in later years Jon was diagnosed with Myotonic Dystrophy and his health declined. He bore this condition with his customary good humour, grace and fortitude.

He was a good friend and a loving husband and father.



## 1983

**Dr Andrew Mark Thornton** (Woldgate School, Pocklington) died on 27 January 2024 aged 58. He came up to Univ in 1983 to read Physics.

## 1992

**Thomas William Grass** (Dr Challoner's G.S.) died on 9 February 2024 aged 49. He came up to Univ in 1992 to read History. Tom's brother Ben Grass (1990, History) has kindly provided the following tribute:

Tom was a wonderful and unique man. A wild and adventurous spirit who forged his own course in life. A storyteller and brilliant maverick who travelled the world, on foot, bicycle and motorbike, and lived for long periods in Africa and India.

Tom read History at Univ between 1992 and 1995. Someone told me recently that as a student, they felt Tom embodied the romance of Oxford. Indeed, in those days in particular, he had an almost poetic quality and appeared to have drunk from the same fountain as Shelley and Byron (although possibly Keith Richards had put something in it). A friend told me he knew that he would be lifelong friends with Tom at their first tutorial together. Tom arrived wearing a motorcycle helmet with huge horns sticking out of it and refused to take it off.

Tom started his career in advertising in London. He loved copywriting and was a genius at big creative ideas, but deadlines and bosses were never his thing. He wanted to take charge of his own writing and to make movies, and together we founded a pioneering digital film

company, Pure Grass Films, with Tom as Creative Director. Four of our early web series are now preserved in the BFI National Archive, including "Beyond the Rave" which Tom co-wrote and which stars Jamie Dornan. Throughout his life, Tom wrote in many forms, from novels, to screenplays, to advertising copy, to hundreds of powerfully observed and often funny letters, emails and messages to friends. His novel *Twist*, was turned into a feature film starring Michael Caine, Rita Ora and David Walliams.

Tom had a huge number of passions and interests. He loved nature and mountains and forests. He liked building and firing enormous catapults and shooting pigeons. He had terrific taste in music, and loved red wine, good ale and whisky, and rough neck bars. He liked bandanas and tennis, and had a great assortment of hats.

He liked Dennis Hopper, and Jack Nicholson, and Werner Herzog. He knew about battles, and Napoleon and the American Civil War. He was deeply interested in Vikings and fascinated by *Beserkers*. He loved the works of Tolkien, but also the rugged fiction of Joseph Conrad, Cormac McCarthy, and Charles Bukowski. He was a connoisseur and a cultivator

of exotic herbs and fungi, and co-founded a leading natural wellness company, Grass & Co. He was handsome and a bit dangerous, and a dark horse. He loved women, and women loved him back.

At heart Tom was gentle and funny, and people knew they were so very lucky to count him among their friends. He had a wonderful, mirthful and infectious laugh. He sought to help people, and often he would do this when he himself needed help. Sadly, Tom struggled on and



off with depression in adulthood, and tragically took his own life in February, 2024.

Tom is gone much too soon, but will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He seized the day, and lived a wild, and precious life.

In his memory, Tom's friends and family have established The Tom Grass Spirit of Adventure Literary Prize. This annual prize celebrates creative storytelling with a focus on the spirit of adventure, and we encourage applications: [www.tomgrassprize.com](http://www.tomgrassprize.com)

## 1996

**Francesca Leela Nandy** (Parkswood Sixth Form College, Manchester) died on 29 February 2024 aged 46. She came up to Univ in 1996 to read English.

## 2021

**Oliver Newport** (Magna Carta School, Staines, and Salesian College, Chertsey) died on 23 March 2024, aged 21. He came up to Univ in 2021 to read Physics. In 2023 he was awarded the Nicholas Prize in Physics for the Physics student in any year in College who had shown most improvement. While an undergraduate Oliver coxed for the College Boat Club, attended the College Music Society, and was treasurer of the University Quantum Information Society. He is survived by his parents Karen and Graham, his brother Samuel, his sister Abigail, and by many others who love him.

One of Oliver's tutors, Professor Caroline Terquem, has written the following tribute:

"I have been a teacher for thirty years and,

over the years, I have had the privilege of encountering some students who have taught me as much as I have taught them.

Oliver is one of them.

With his unique perspective on the world and his talent at Physics, his approach to solving problems was unusual and interesting, offering elegant alternatives to conventional solutions.

Teaching him was enriching because it required me to view problems through his lens, which often would reveal aspects I had not noticed.

Oliver was a very motivated student and received a Physics prize for the greatest improvement at the end of his second year.

I am a better teacher for having taught Oliver and a better person for having known him."

## COLLEGE LECTURERS

**Dr Barbara Levick**, Fellow and Tutor in Ancient History at St Hilda's College from 1959 to 1998, died on 6 December 2023 at the age of 92. She

was also Stipendiary Lecturer at Univ and took charge of our Ancient History teaching for eleven years after George Cawkwell's retirement in 1987: this came her way at a time of her career when she might reasonably have expected to do less rather than more, but she took it on with enthusiasm and great good humour. Many Univ men and women

will remember her with gratitude along with her gold lamé jackets, her cigars, and the bright red sports car in which she would speed off to Brighton at weekends. They include Dr Rhiannon Ash (1986, Classics), now Fellow and Tutor in



Classics at Merton College, and Rhiannon writes as follows:

I was lucky enough to be taught by Barbara for Tacitus and Tiberius in Trinity Term of my first year, followed later on by a year of tutorials for Roman History Three. That walk across the bridge from Univ to St Hilda's with my cheerful tutorial partner Simon Taylor was always a prelude to something special and scintillating. We never knew where the next tutorial would take us, but it was always fun, always memorable.

We were enchanted and slightly in awe of the idea that our Ancient History tutor lived where she taught, in her beautiful rooms overlooking the river. That setting only added to the mystique as we imagined Barbara after-hours immersed in learned journals and Classical texts (and perhaps too with a glass of something to hand from her extraordinary cabinet of multi coloured liquors from around the globe).

The tutorials were an amazing experience. Despite appearances to the contrary, Barbara would listen to our essays with a sharp ear and the occasional wry glance. She had a legendary ability to quote back pretty much verbatim a sentence from our essays where one or other of us had cut a corner. She would gently ask for clarification about what was meant at that point, tacitly reminding us in so doing that our arguments needed to be based on evidence – but it was always elegant and friendly guidance, and often accompanied by Barbara's gentle and infectious gurgling laugh (always ready to surface at a moment's notice).

One of my favourite memories of that time in St Hilda's was a tutorial about the



*Dr Barbara Levick by  
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development of Gaul from Caesar to Nero. I had been talking about the revolt of Florus and Sacrovir and Druidic practices when Barbara jumped up in a state of great excitement (as if stung by a wasp) and said: 'Do you know about the eques and the egg?'. She went to her shelf and pulled down a volume of Pliny the Elder's *Natural History* and drew our attention to an amazing description from Book

29 of a mysterious object known as a snake's egg, created from the saliva and the bodily substances of intertwined serpents. This strange creation could form part of Druidic rituals, and as Pliny's anecdote went on to say, one reckless Roman knight even kept a serpent's egg in his clothing during a lawsuit, which led Claudius to have him executed. Finding out about such things was just one of many magical moments in those tutorials which awaited us when we crossed the bridge to St Hilda's. Quite simply, Barbara changed my life in unimaginable ways. She will be very much missed by generations of Univ students.

## COLLEGE STAFF

**Robert "Bob" Maskell**, Head Porter at Univ from 2006 to 2018, died on 16 April 2024 aged 68. Bob was a very popular figure in College and will be much missed. A full tribute will be included in next year's *Record*.

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*Photograph of the son et lumière in Main Quad during the Univ 775 Festival on 28 September, 2024*





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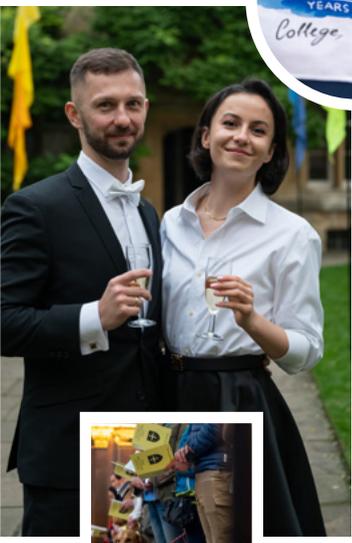
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